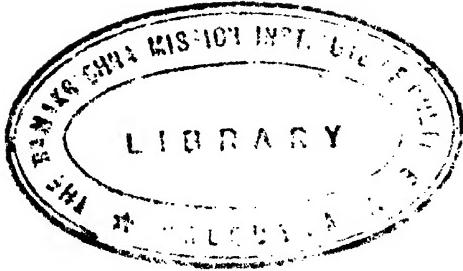
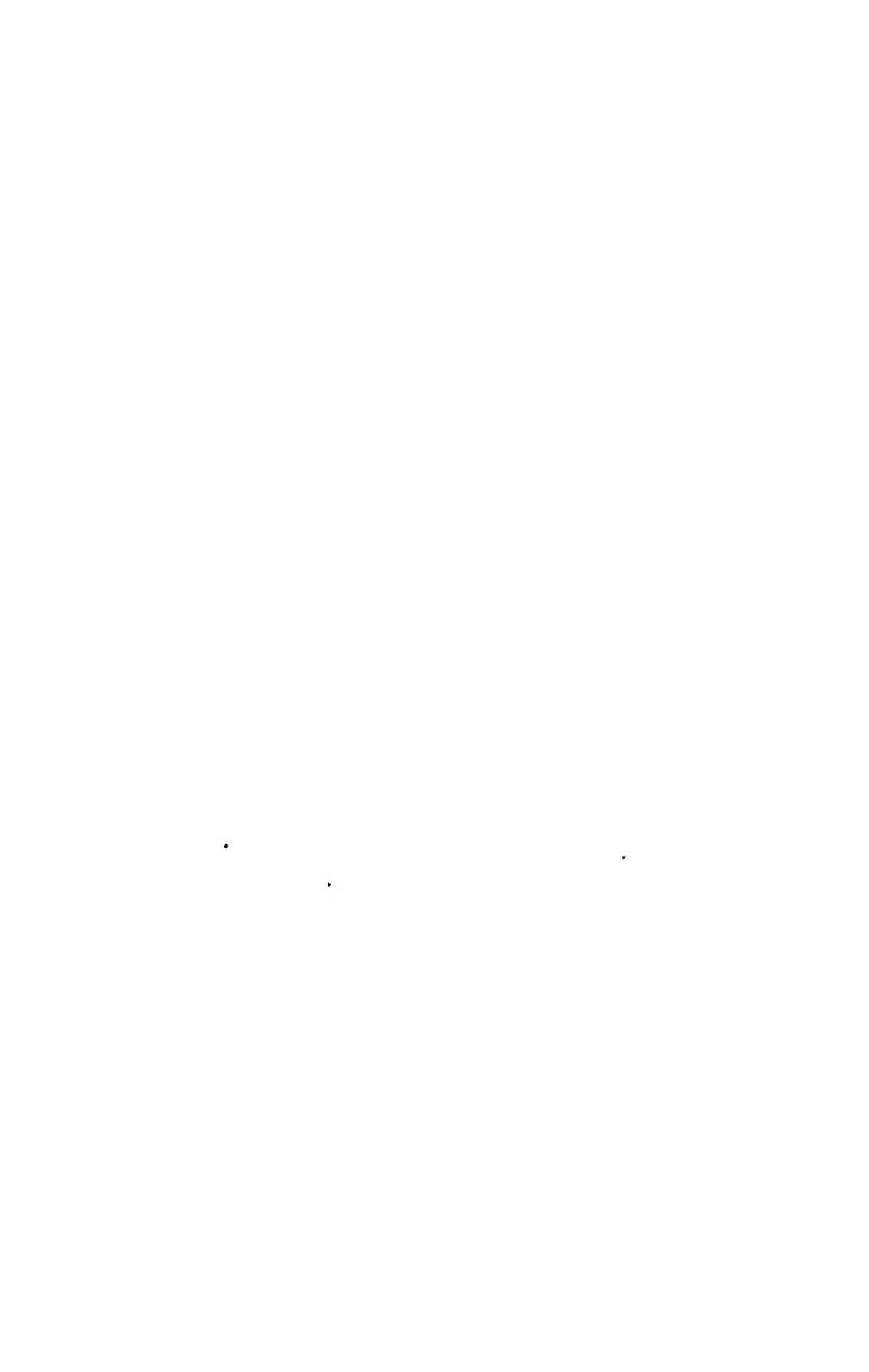


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UN-OFFICIAL COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

# CALCUTTA DISTURBANCES

2ND, 3RD AND 4TH OCTOBER 1907.

HELD ON THE

19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, and 28th October, 1907.

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# ~~Report of the Un-official Commission of~~ Inquiry into the Riots in Calcutta on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October, 1907.

The northern section of Calcutta was the scene of serious riots

Origin of Commission. on the nights of the 2nd and 3rd and the morning of the 4th of October last. The reports published

in the Press contained almost incredible accounts of acts of lawlessness on the part of the Police. It was stated, among other things, that they had stirred up the rowdy element of the city ; and that in conjunction with *budmashes*, they had made wanton and unprovoked attacks upon Bengalis—residents and passers-by—and had looted and destroyed the property of some shop-keepers and others. Many well-known residents of Calcutta were also reported to have personally witnessed instances of such misconduct on the part of the Police. There was a widespread feeling of consternation among the Indian community with regard to the conduct of the Police in connection with these disturbances, and it was very generally desired that a full investigation should be made of the circumstances connected with the riots. In consequence of the statements made in the Press, the Government of Bengal deputed the Hon'ble Mr. E. W. Collin, I. C. S., Commissioner of the Presidency Division, to hold an inquiry into the occurrences. The Hon'ble Mr. Collin arrived in Calcutta from Darjiling on the 7th October, and held his inquiry on the two days following. The inquiry made by him was one to which the public and the Press were not admitted. The evidence of the few witnesses who were called for examination was taken hurriedly. Many witnesses who came forward to make their statements went away without making any, as they were not called at all, though they had waited for a long time. Many were not even aware that such an inquiry was in progress. Mr. Collin's inquiry was in every respect unsatisfactory, and the public felt that the whole truth had not been elicited. A further inquiry by a Commission (consisting of officials and non-officials) was called for, but as Government announced no intention of directing another and a fuller inquiry, it was thought desirable by the Indian community to hold an un-official inquiry. The holding of such an inquiry, without loss of time, was considered necessary in view of the daily increasing reports of injuries to person and property, sustained by innocent persons in the course of these riots at the

hands of the Police and the *budmashes*, and the probable loss of material evidence with the lapse of time. We were accordingly approached by some leading Indian gentlemen to form ourselves into a Commission to hold the desired inquiry, and we thought it our duty to comply with the request.

2. We held six sittings, *viz.*, on the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, and 29th of October last. Notices of the Proceedings. inquiry were published in the newspapers, and an intimation was sent to the Commissioner of Police to the effect that the Commission would be glad to record any evidence that might be tendered on behalf of the Police. No reply was received by us from the Commissioner of Police, nor was the Police represented at our inquiry. The inquiry of the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd October was held in the dispensary of Messrs. D. Gupta & Co. at No 369, Upper Chitpur Road, and of the 27th and 29th October in the house of Kumar Manmatha Nath Mitter Rai Bahadur at No 34, Champaquer Street. These two places were selected on account of their being located in the centres of the disturbances.

3. We examined 173 witnesses on the six days, *viz.*, 23 on the first day, 36 on the second, 48 on the third, 25 on the fourth, 35 on the fifth, and 6 on the sixth. The witnesses examined are shewn below according to their respective stations in life :—

Shop-keepers	...	...	...	72
Pensioners	...	...	...	2
Merchants	...	...	...	19
Clerks	...	...	...	29
Students	...	...	...	4
Lawyers	...	...	...	4
Engineers	...	...	...	3
Zemindars	...	...	...	10
Medical Men	...	...	...	6
School Master	...	...	...	1
Menials	...	...	...	4
Prostitutes	...	...	...	4
Musicians	...	...	...	2
Without any profession	...	...	...	13

4. The witnesses came forward voluntarily to make their statements, which were made after taking the most solemn declaration to tell the truth, and they were recorded and signed, as if made in judicial proceedings. The Police not being represented before us, we had not the advantage of seeing the tests of cross-examination applied to the evidence of the wit-

nesses. No pains, however, were spared by us to elicit the truth by a close examination of the witnesses. The absence of cross-examination does not, however, appear to us to be of the same importance as it would be in an ordinary criminal trial, where the inquiry would be directed to the establishment of the guilt or innocence of a particular individual or individuals, and where, therefore, various questions affecting individuals such as motive, malice, identification, &c., might arise.

5. The inquiry held by us was welcomed by the general public, as witnesses came pouring in even after the conclusion of our proceedings. We believe that more evidence would have been forthcoming if we could see our way to prolonging the inquiry.

6. Some of the witnesses who appeared before us bore severe marks of personal injuries, and photographs of some of these witnesses were taken. The statements of the witnesses and the photographs referred to are appended to this report.

7. During the progress of our inquiry, we found that the Government of Bengal had ordered a further official inquiry, and had placed Mr. Donald Weston, I. C. S., the District Magistrate of Midnapur, who was lately Chief Magistrate of Calcutta, on special duty for that purpose. The Resolution of the Government of Bengal, bearing date the 18th October, 1907, was not seen by us prior to its publication in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 30th idem, when our inquiry had been concluded. On Mr. Weston's arrival in Calcutta, we were asked to meet him individually, and as a result of the interviews, the following letter was addressed to him by the President on the 2nd November :—

DONALD WESTON Esq., I.C.S.

*The 2nd November, 1907.*

Dear Sir,

With reference to my conversation with you on Thursday last, I beg to inform you that I have a complete analysis of all the evidence recorded before the Un-official Commission, of which I was the President, with the names and addresses of all witnesses. In the letter of reference from Government, appointing you to hold a further inquiry into the late riots in Calcutta, I find it suggested that you might find the evidence recorded by the Un-official Commission useful. Should you desire to refer to the analysis of evidence, I shall be glad to forward to you a copy of the same.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) NARENDRONATH SEN.

Mr. Weston, in reply, however, asked for a copy of the whole evidence, recorded by the Un-official Commission, which was supplied to him only lately, as such evidence was in course of being printed.

8: We now proceed to deal with the evidence adduced Review of Evidence. before us. For the purposes of a clear analysis, the witnesses may be grouped as follows :—

(A) Persons who were assaulted at or soon after the meeting of the 2nd October.

(B) Persons whose shops were looted on the 3rd and 4th October when there was no meeting of any kind.

(C) Passers-by who were assaulted on Thursday, the 3rd October.

(D) Persons who were themselves dragged by constables out of tram-cars on the 3rd October and were assaulted, or who saw others dragged out of tram-cars.

(E) Persons who witnessed assaults on others or saw shops being broken into or looted.

(F) Persons who were assaulted on Friday, the 4th October, or saw people being assaulted.

9. Witnesses who come in the group (A) are Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 41, 46, 49, 50, 54, 56, 61, 67, 68, 74, 77, 79, 80, 82, 87, 95, 103, 104, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 122 and 127.

Among these are eight witnesses (Nos. 13, 14, 25, 30, 46, 56, 77 and 87) who were present at the Beadon Square meeting on the evening of the 2nd October. According to their evidence, it would appear that Inspector Fazil ordered the dispersal of the meeting when it was being addressed by a speaker, named Basudev. The Police cried out that brickbats were being thrown at them, but none of the witnesses before us saw any brickbats thrown.

10. Witnesses Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 16, 24, 30, 49, 54, 112, 121 and 122 speak to severe assaults on themselves by the Police and the *budmashes*. One of the men assaulted on the 2nd, named Rajani Kanto Ghose, died from the effects of his wounds (*vide* statements of witnesses Nos. 29, 61, and 62). The testimonies of these witnesses go to show that the Police committed indiscriminate assaults upon the people, and that the Bengalis were the chief object of their wrath. (Witness No. 8) Babu Kanai Lal Dey, a practising pleader of the Calcutta Small Cause Court, who had received very severe injuries, deposed to having heard

the Police say, "Beat the Bengali Salas." His testimony was strongly corroborated by witnesses Nos. 10, 18, 20, 25, 30, 51, 53, 64, 70, 71, 74, 78, 79, 90, 92, 94, 95, 99, 104, 110, 116, 119, 120, and 126 whose statements referred to occurrences of all the three days.

11. In group (B) are witnesses Nos. 23, 26, 27, 33, 39, 44, 48, 59, 65, 66, 69, 71, 75, 76, 83, 88, 89, 91, 92, 96, 98, 100, 101, 102, 105, 109, 116, 123, 125, 126, 138, 139, 140, 153, 154, 158, and 171. It may be mentioned that witness No. 116 related a *double attack* on his shop—namely, one on the 3rd at 8 P.M., and another on the 4th at 1-30 A.M.

12. The approximate value of property looted in the shops, and of money seized from the persons of passers-by, was given to us as Rs. 33,345-13-6. Besides, ornaments, utensils, shop articles &c., were scattered and thrown away, involving no inconsiderable loss to the owners.

13. In group (C) are witnesses Nos. 3, 7, 36, 45, 51, 52, 55, 60, 64, 70, 73, 78, 86, 90, 93, 106, 110, 115, 117, 119, 124, 152, 155, 160, 161, 163, 168, 170 and 172.

The testimonies of these witnesses show that the conduct of the Police was exceedingly reprehensible in that people were assaulted simply because they happened to be Bengali Hindus.

14. In group (D) are witnesses Nos. 10, 28, 32, 57, 58, 63, 71, 72, 133, 135, 136, 144 and 169.

Some of these witnesses, it would appear, were proceeding home from their offices, and were dragged out of tram-cars, beaten and robbed.

15. In group (E) are witnesses Nos. 60, 85, 94, 111, 130, 134, 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 147, 149, 156, 157, 159, 162, 164, 165, 166, 167 and 173.

The most remarkable statements under this head are those of Kumar Manmatha Nath Mitter Rai Bahadur (No. 167), Babu Jogendra Nath Bose (No. 173) and Babu Baidyanath Narain Singh (No. 85). All these were eye-witnesses of the assaults and looting. Kumar Maumatha Nath Mitter, who is a wealthy and prominent citizen of Calcutta and a grandson of the late Rajah Digumbar Mitter, C. S. I., offered his assistance to the Inspector of the Shampuker Thana to prevent the lawless acts, but that officer declined to take any action. His statement on this point is as follows:—

"I motored down to Shampuker Thana at 9-30 P.M. with three of my friends. There the Inspector was pointed out to me by a

fat Jamadar. I asked him if he knew of the loot. He said 'yes'. Then I asked him what steps he had taken to prevent the looting and the beating. He said: 'What can I do, low-class people are looting'. I told him I would give him 30 or 40 of my men, if he was short of men, to quell the disturbance. I told him if he won't stir out, I would quell the disturbance with my own men. I was quite ready to help, but I might not be brought to book for it.'

From the testimony of Babu Baidyanath Narain Singh, M. A., who is a Behari graduate and Zemindar, it would appear that the Police were bent upon assaulting Bengali Hindus only.

16. In group (F) are witnesses Nos. 113, 128, 129, 132, 137, 148, 150, 151, and 162. The statements of these persons show that there was no justification whatsoever for the acts of lawlessness on the part of the Police, two days after the Beadon Square meeting. The assaults by the Police would appear to have been continued up to 1 P.M., on Friday, the 4th October, (*vide* statement of witness No. 129).

17. Witnesses Nos. 33, 47, 54, 76, 96, 104, 117, 123, 129, 131, 137, 150, 151 and 162 stated that they could identify some of the members of the Police force who were concerned, directly or indirectly, in the unlawful acts. One of these, Shaik Samier, (No. 33) is said to have identified a Jamadar of the Kumartoli Thana before the Hon'ble Mr. Collin.

18. Some of the witnesses examined by us had been previously examined by the Hon'ble Mr. Collin (Nos. 4, 5, 7, 11, 33, 38, 45, 48, 51, 60, 65, 69, 76, 96, 98, 116, 135 and 158); but they stated that their statements had not been fully taken. Some witnesses (Nos. 1, 8, 9, 12, 54, 66, 75, 100, 101, 102 and 169) were present at Mr. Collin's inquiry, but were not called.

19. Specially remarkable were the statements of witnesses Nos. 110, 137 and 162 who stated that they had not lodged any complaint against the Police, because they had understood that they would not get any redress, as it was the Police by whom or under whose instigation the Bengalis were beaten and robbed.

20. It was deposed before us that whenever any appeal was made to the Police for protection, the latter taunted the aggrieved by such remarks as the following: "Cry Bande Mataram," "Go away—go to the Bande Mataram-wallas," "What shall we do?" &c. (*vide* statements of witnesses Nos. 23, 26, 39, 47, 67, 71, 75, 89, and 96).

21. Of the 173 witnesses examined by us, 104 were assaulted. Of those assaulted, some are proved to have been robbed, and a few stripped even of their wearing apparels.

**22.** Having carefully considered the statements of the witnesses, which are corroborated by marks of violence personally seen by us in many cases, and noted in the evidence, and having regard to the fact that some of the aggrieved persons lost no time in applying to persons in authority for redress, but without any success, and remembering further that none of these witnesses had any motive whatever for falsely implicating the Police, we see no reason whatever to doubt the truth of the general narrative.

**23.** The evidence produced before us consists of the testimonies of a large number of eye-witnesses, some of whom hold responsible posts or occupy respectable positions in society ; and they corroborate one another on all material points. We find the following facts proved by what we consider to be overwhelming evidence :—

(1) That the breaking up of the Beadon Square meeting on the evening of the 2nd October was followed by a general assault on Bengalis by members of the Police force, chiefly constables ; that, in addition to personal injuries, shops were broken into, damaged and plundered, and innocent passers-by were robbed, beaten and subjected to various indignities by members of the Police force, chiefly constables.

(2) That on the following day, Thursday, the 3rd October, lawlessness reached its climax ; that the Police force which mustered strong, was reinforced by large numbers of low-class people, such as mehters, dhangars, sweepers, &c., and that shops and houses were broken into, property looted and damaged, tram-cars invaded and the passengers dragged out, beaten and robbed, and innocent passers-by subjected to similar treatment.

That the aggressors were the Police and the low-class people referred to above, individually in some cases, and conjointly in others.

(3) That isolated cases of beating and looting occurred on the morning of Friday, the 4th October.

(4) That the attacks were directed exclusively against Bengali Hindus.

(5) That where the sole aggressors were the low-class *bud-mashes*, the Police refused to render any assistance to those molested and assaulted, and to entertain their complaints, though in some cases the offences were committed in full view of the Police.

**24.** Upon the above findings of facts, we come to the conclusion that whatever reasons there might have been for the interference of the Police with the Beadon Square meeting on the night of the 2nd October,

a large number of innocent persons were brutally assaulted, or otherwise subjected to insult and rudeness, without any provocation or justifiable cause. It has not been proved before us that there was the least necessity on the part of the Police for using force or violence ; nor has it been shown that when the meeting was ordered to disperse, there was any resistance on the part of the audience and the speakers, or that any attempt was made to arrest any of the persons taking part in the meeting, or that such attempt, if made, met with resistance from the assembled people. Not a single witness has spoken of any brick-bats being thrown at the Police, but all witness agree that on a signal being given by some Police officers, a general attack on Bengalis was commenced.

25. The incidents of the following day, Thursday, the 3rd October, were without a parallel in the history of Calcutta. There was no meeting or gathering of any kind on that day. Yet the fact remains that some fifty shops were broken or trespassed into, and eatables and valuable articles, including cash, were looted or damaged ; and further that innocent passers-by and tramway passengers were attacked, beaten and robbed. The evidence is conclusive that the offenders in some cases included groups of constables in their uniforms with or without their badges. The rest were ruffians and low-class people, such as dhangars, mehters, sweepers, &c.

26. We are satisfied from the evidence of such highly respectable gentlemen as Kumar Manmatha Nath Mitter, Rai Bahadur (witness No 167), Babu Purna Chandra Dev, nephew of the late Dr. Kanai Lal De, Rai Bahadur, C.I.E. (witness No 94), Babu Gourhari Sen, Secretary, Chaitanya Library (witness No 130), Dr. D. N. Chatterji, M.B., C.M, (Edin.) (witness No. 60) and others, that the Police adopted an indifferent attitude towards complaints, and were silent lookers-on of the outrages committed by the *gundas*. Kumar Manmatha Nath Mitter, as stated in paragraph 15, offered his assistance to the Inspector of the Shampuker Thana to stop the looting, but that officer dismissed him with an evasive and unsatisfactory reply. Other complaints were treated with equal indifference.

27. We should have been glad if we could finish this report only with the findings of facts recorded above. But we feel that we should not be discharging the duty we have undertaken, if we did not record the further conclusion that we have felt constrained to arrive at, viz., that in the looting and rioting of the 3rd October, the Police and the *budmash* element in the city were intimately associated. It is a well-known fact that the

constables of the Calcutta Police force do not include any Bengalis, but are recruited entirely from among up-countrymen.

It has been proved by numerous witnesses that assaults on Bengalis were usually preceded by cries of "Here is a Bengali Sala," &c., and that Bengalis were chiefly selected as victims of the outrages. When complaints were made, the aggrieved persons were mockingly told to apply for redress to the shouters of "Bande Mataram." The statement of Babu Baidyanath Narain Singh, M.A., a Zemindar of Behar, (witness No. 85), to which reference has been made in paragraph 15, is interesting on this point. This witness, on remonstrating with the Police, was told that it was because he was dressed as an up-countryman that he himself escaped molestation, but that if he interfered, he would be similarly dealt with. He added that two European Sergeants and other Police officers were looking on at the assaults.

28. The men assaulted were mostly Hindus, and, as a matter of fact, among the witnesses examined by us, there were only two Mahomedans, one of whom (No. 114) was apparently mistaken for a Hindu, as he had no cap on, and was in consequence assaulted. The other Mahomedan (No. 33) who had deposed before the Hon'ble Mr. Collin, stated before us that his shop was being broken open by 10 or 12 constables with a force of *budmashes*, and that on paying a bribe of Rs. 10 to a Police Jamadar, the men desisted from carrying off the articles of his shop. This witness complained to the Commissioner of Police and identified the aforesaid Jamadar out of a file of forty Jamadars.

It appears from the evidence before us that in some other cases also, identification might have been made if immediate steps had been taken to find out the culprits, (*vide* statements of witnesses Nos. 47, 54 and 104).

29. That in assaulting innocent people, the Police could not have acted under *bona-fide* mistakes, or temporary excitement, is clearly shown by the fact that passengers of the tram-cars were seized, dragged out and beaten. This was done in some cases by *gundas*, and in some cases by Police Constables. The statement of Babu Soshi Bhushan Soor, late a Municipal Commissioner of Manicktollah and a wealthy tradesman of the town (witness No. 136) is clear on this point. He said that bricks were thrown at the car in which he was travelling, that six constables in uniform and several up-countrymen, not in uniform, dragged the passengers out and assaulted them. The witness was sheltered by some Mahomedan tailors.

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30. Reference has already been made in paragraph 10 to the serious injuries, sustained by some of the witnesses examined by us. Day after day, as we sat recording the statements, the most pitiful sights presented themselves before us. An old man of eighty years of age (witness No. 5), a Brahmin Pundit, appeared before us, with his arm in a sling. He had been assaulted by two constables who had hit him in the arm which he had raised to protect his head. Another man of the same age, (witness No 19) bore marks of violence on his shoulder and arm. A man of 61 years of age, (witness No. 24), a pensioner, was so prostrated by his injuries that we were obliged to take his statement on commission at his residence. A grey-haired man of 70 (witness No. 121) appeared before us with his left hand in a sling. He said he had been attacked by constables near Burtollah. One man (witness No. 58), aged 50, had his right arm fractured in consequence of an assault by four constables. Another witness (No. 133), a scion of the Sovabazar Raj family, was mercilessly beaten by constables. He was bedridden for 12 days, had four distinct wounds on his person, and his eye-sight was still dimmed from the effects of the assault. Such cases were numerous. The most pitiable of all, however, was the case of Rajani Kanta Das who subsequently died as the result of the injuries he had received during these riots. We may here mention that the verdict of the Coroner's Jury in this case, as reported in the Press, ascribed his death to "some paharawalla unknown." This poor man was the sole bread-winner of his family.

31. From a careful consideration of the statements made before us, we are of opinion that the Police staff of the Burtolla, Kumartoly, Jorasanko and Shampuker Thanas were specially to blame for the acts complained of.

32. The allegation that the immediate cause of the rioting on the night of the 2nd October was the pelting of stones and brickbats at the Police may be founded on fact, or may have been made to justify the conduct of the Police. We have no evidence on this point before us. The witnesses who were questioned on this point, said that they had not seen stones or brickbats thrown at the Police. Even if the allegation regarding the pelting of stones at Beadon Square at 7-30 P.M., on the 2nd of October be accepted, it would not, in our opinion, justify or explain the damages done to shops, such as the well-known shop of Mullick Bros., at places not in the immediate vicinity of Beadon Square, on the same night; nor would it explain or justify the occurrences of the 3rd and 4th October when, as already stated, no public meeting or assembly took place any where in Calcutta.

Indeed, we have not heard any reasonable explanation of the origin of the disturbances of the 3rd and 4th October. It is to our minds impossible to explain these acts of lawlessness which lasted for several hours together on three successive days in different parts of the town, as due to the excesses of a few constables who had got out of control, or of the criminal classes of the city, before the Police could bring them under check. The first explanation presupposes the presence of other constables and officers, or how could there be any question of some constables getting out of control? If, therefore, there were other constables and officers present, we do not see how the outrages could have lasted so long as they did, nor how some at least of these offending constables could escape arrest by the rest of the Police force. As to the second explanation, it is difficult for us to conceive that the combined ruffianism of the city could succeed in committing the amount and degree of damage that was done in so many different parts of the town, and extending over such a length of time, in spite of the Police force, undoubtedly present in these localities. It is to be noted that for three successive days, the riots raged over a considerable part of the area within the jurisdiction of the Burtolla, Jorasanko, Kumar-toli and Shampuker Thanas. If these riots were due to a sudden outburst of lawlessness and were promptly dealt with, they might have been regarded as a regrettable incident which, however, might not have been deemed extraordinary in a large town like Calcutta where there must always be a leaven of the rowdy element. But that the riots should have been repeated, and that the acts of lawlessness should, in many cases, have been perpetrated in full view of the Police, in some with their aid, and in all without check or restraint, for three days together, even after complaints had been made to the Commissioner of Police on the morning of the 3rd October (*vide* statement of witness No. 94), has created a most painful impression in our minds regarding the organization and discipline of, and the control exercised by superior officers over, the Calcutta Police force. The oldest inhabitants of the town have never witnessed a state of lawlessness, such as that which prevailed in the disturbed area for three successive days. The situation is one which, in our opinion, should be vigorously dealt with, and effective safeguards should be provided against a recurrence of the painful incidents to which we have referred. It is not for us to say what should or should not be done. But it would be most unfortunate if the impression were to go forth that the Police in the metropolis of the Indian Empire were at liberty to commit with impunity acts of the grossest lawlessness. We, therefore,

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deem it our duty to send a copy of this report to the Local Government in the hope that it will take such steps as will reassure the public mind and restore the public confidence in the capacity and willingness of the Police to preserve law and order within this great city.

NORENDRONATH SEN.  
RADHA CHURN PAL.  
SRINATH PAL.

CALCUTTA,

*The 17th November, 1907.*

# First Day's Proceedings.

19th October, 1907.

From 12 noon to 3-30 p.m.

## 1. GOPESWAR MULLICK on solemn affirmation.—

I live at 33-1, Rutton Sircar's Garden Street, Jeweller and Dealer in precious stones, Caste, Suborno Banik. I work in my own house as well as in the shop of Mahatab Chander Sing.

I remember the date on which there was a row in the Beadon Square. I was returning from Surtibagan on Wednesday night at about 9-15 p.m. When I came up to Jorasanko corner I heard people running about and a *golmal*. On coming up I stopped at the Jorasanko crossing and I found about 200 Constables in uniform, and arranged in file, obstructing the public thoroughfare and I also saw the Constables breaking the glasses of the doors of Mullick Brothers. 3 or 4 Indian and European Inspectors immediately came up and the Constables ceased on a motion from the Inspectors. Just at that moment as I turned round I received a blow on the head from a Constable in uniform. I did not provoke the Constables to beat me. I fell down (shows marks on the right of the head, still fresh): I won't be able to identify the Constable. I rose up and I was again struck on the back. I turned round and found the same Constable giving me the second stroke (shows echymosis on the back). I think it was the same Constable, but am not sure, but it was a Constable. I again fell down; I got up and was struck on the arm by the very Constable who struck me on the back. I went to the house of Rajendralal Dutt, articled clerk to Messrs. Carruthers and Co. I was then reeling and he took me to be drunk. I told him what happened. He poured water on my head and took me in a *palki* to my house in the neighbourhood. I went to the police office but I was not examined and not called. Dr. Ashutosh Mukerjee treated me. Still pain in the head and wound still an inch deep.

## 2. HARIDAS DEY on solemn affirmation—

I am nephew of Prof. G. S. Dev, of the General-Assembly's Institution, of 38-1-1, Nilmoney Mitra's Street, Clerk in the office of Jambon and Co. of Bankshall Street.

I remember the day of occurrence. I left office at 5-30 p.m. and was returning to my press at 32, Garanhatta Street at 9-15 p.m. I was returning home and while passing through Nimtollah Street, I saw 4 or 5 Constables in uniform and with *Regulation lathic* pursuing several Bengalees. I was taken aback and tried to run away. A Constable came up to me, seized both my hands and dealt a blow on my head with a *lathie*. I fled from the place and went to the house of Babu Monilal Sen of Nimtollah Ghat Street. My injuries were attended to (shows wound on the left side of the head about still  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep). I am certain it was a Constable in uniform who struck me. My Chudder and shirt were soaked with blood. I was taken to a neighbouring dispensary and was attended there for an hour and a half when I was taken in

a *gharry* to my house. I was treated by Babu Madhu S. Basak L.M.S. for 2 or 3 days. I could not attend to my work. I sent a letter to Babu Nagendra Chunder Bose expressing my inability to teach his boys for 7 days—the letter was published in the *Bande Mataram*. I went to Babu R. C. Pal and stated the facts to him. Having heard that evidence was being recorded by Mr. Collin, I called at Babu R. C. Pal's but he advised me not to attend the police office, as there Mr. Collin was not inclined to take more evidence. I did not give any cause to the police to assault me. The police did not abuse me while I was assaulted.

### 3. NANDA KISHORE SET on solemn affirmation—

I live at 10, Nilmoney Mitra's Street, Employed in Comptroller of India Treasury.

I remember Thursday the second day of occurrence. I was returning by tram. At 6-45 P.M., I reached Beadon Gardens, South Corner. I found several Constables in a row with one Inspector leading them. The Inspector was an Indian. They were going towards the north. The tram-car stopped when I got down at the North-East Corner of the Notun Bazar. I entered the bazar. 3 or 4 Constables passed by my right into the bazar. They had *lal pugrees*, regulation *lathies*. I did not notice whether they had belts. They were pursuing some Bengalee gentlemen. Some one from my left struck me. I believe he was a *paharawalla*—had a *lal pugree*, with a *paharawalla's* coat without the belt. I was struck on my left thigh with a regulation *lathie* (shows the mark and complains of pain—swelling still exists and black mark). I ran and fell into a heap of rubbish; the self-same man struck me on my left elbow (shows a distinct mark). The same man struck on my arm as I raised my hand to protect my head. Twice I was struck on the arm, as I lifted it. I gave no provocation whatsoever. While I was still lying I was again struck a fourth time on my right elbow (shows mark). It was dark and I could not recognise the features of my assailant. I went to a relation's house, Babu Nakur Chand Basak's of Charakdanga Street, near by, and could not go to my house that night, because of pain. I did not go to the police office. I called on Babu R. C. Paul after the inquiry, as I could not go anywhere before that. I attended office on Tuesday i.e., 4 days after the occurrence.

### 4. SHAMDAS PAL on solemn affirmation—

I live at 71, Chasadhboparah Street, am Clerk, Plague Department, Municipal Office.

On 2nd October, on Wednesday at 10 P.M., I went out of my house to purchase sweets at Baranasee Ghose's Street's junction with Chitpore Street. I saw about 125 Constables in uniform except their belts, flourishing their sticks and coming, making a great *golmal*. Out of fear I stood on the footpath, near the shop. One Constable struck on my head. I bled profusely (shows a big mark) I was shivering and supported myself by holding a wall. I became naked and bandaged my wound with my cloth and went home. I gave no provocation to the Constable. The Inspector passed by in a *gharry*. I was semi-conscious and can't say what happened (the injury is now about an inch deep). I got a

certificate from Dr. Poresh Chandra Dutt L.M.S. and sent to the office and had to absent myself for a week from the office. I was bed-ridden for 8 days. I attended Mr. Collin's enquiry and gave evidence to this effect.

#### 5. GOSTOBHARAY MUKERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 79, Chasadhopapara Street. I am a Brahmin Pundit. I was at first living in Benares and came down to Calcutta a year ago. I am about 80 years of age. I am a retired religious man. On Wednesday the first day of occurrence at 9-30 p.m., I was going from Gurudas Pal's shop to Mullick Brother's shop to shut up their doors, as I heard some *golmal* while I was at Pal's shop. As I stepped down from Pal's shop a Constable struck on my right leg. I am positive that the man was a Constable in uniform. He had a *lathie* in his hand. I then saw a blow aimed at my head. I raised my left hand to ward off the blow. I received the blow on my arm and ran inside Pal's shop. I could not come to Mullick's shops. There was a contusion but no blood was shed (shows the arm still bandaged) I appeared before Mr. Collin and deposed to the same effect.

#### 6. HIRALAL SEN on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115, Ahiritolla Street, am Partner in the Moon Press of 18, Nimoo Gossain's Lane.

My father is Babu Radha Binode Sen, a Government pensioner. On Wednesday at 8-30 p.m., I heard my father coming shouting from downstairs to the effect that he could not move and asked us to help him upstairs. I found him leaning against the *sudder door*. I found his left knee-joint swollen and a black mark on his shoulder. He complained of severe pain and could not stretch his legs. He is now in a bad condition. He got fever from that very night and was treated by Dr. Brommo Narayan. He is unable to move about. My father is 60 years old. (The witness prays that the Commissioners might go and examine him at his house as the relatives are all alarmed at his critical condition).

#### 7. RAMANATH GHOSH on solemn affirmation—

I am a shopkeeper at 106, Chasadhopapara Street.

On Thursday at 7 p.m. I went to purchase *Khir* and *Chana* at Notun bazar. I saw 8 or 10 Constables standing to the south of Beadon Square. I was going towards the west. All on a sudden, a Constable struck me on my left forearm. The Constable was in full uniform. There was another Bengalee on the road. I implored the Constable not to beat me. Another Constable struck me on my left arm in another place (shows both marks, distinct). I ran away and another Constable struck me on the forehead, (shows a wound on the forehead). There were several Constables and they beat me though I appealed for mercy. The other man was also struck and he fell down. I don't know him. I tried but could not enter the gate of the bazar. I had one ten-rupee note and two rupees for making purchases. I had a gold ring on my finger, and an umbrella in my hand. Two Constables took away all those articles from me. I had no shirt on. The rupees were in my cloth about my lions. A man from

the bazar nursed me. I saw the bazar people running away towards  
ମେହାଶାଟୀ (fish market), saying they were being beaten by the police. I went to the Presidency Commissioner's office and said there what I have said here just now.

#### 8. KANILAL DEY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 39-2, Beadon Road—Pleader, Small Cause Court, Calcutta—age 40.

On Wednesday 2nd October, I was going from Notun bazar to my home at 8-30 P.M. Just as I passed the corner of the Beadon Square I saw some disturbance in the Square and I saw people running out from the garden on all sides, chased by Constables in uniform. They were in full uniform with belts and plates. I saw I was in danger. I went to the north side of the Beadon Street and stood on a raised platform in front of a house near Ashu Babu's dispensary. I could not proceed further as people were being beaten by Constables on the East side of the Square. Some 5 or 6 Constables came running chasing some Bengalees. They were going eastward, but all on a sudden they stopped near me. There were others standing near me. The Constables cried out "Beat the Bengalee Salas." In spite of my entreaties they gave me several blows on my left upper arm, (shows big marks on both arms, right leg, left knee, and a swelling on the calf of the left leg and other parts of the body, shows another scar on the head). I got several blows. On receiving blows on the head I fell down senseless. I recovered and ran for my life towards Chitpore Road. I received the blows at 8-45 p.m. and reached home at 11-30 p.m. Blood was streaming out of my head and soaked my clothes, yet each paharawalla I met gave me a blow. I took shelter in a shop in Chitpore road and the shopkeeper attended to my injuries. I was taken to the dispensary of Dr. P. B. Banerjee; the compounders dressed my injuries. I sent for a brother pleader who took me home. I went to Mr. Collin's inquiry and waited there on the 1st day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. I had to remain standing all the while and I was weak, so I could not give my evidence. I am still very weak. I was absent from Court from the 3rd October since I got the injuries.

#### 9. GOSTOBEHARY SETT on solemn affirmation—

I have a watch-shop at 373-5, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m., I saw some Constables coming up to my shop. I closed the doors of my shop as I found the policemen were breaking the lamps of the shops on the Road. I saw them breaking with my own eyes. They had uniforms except belts. About 20 Constables began to break the glass-panes of my shopdoors and windows. Out of fear I ran inside the shop and kept myself concealed. They did not enter the shop. They broke, from outside, the clocks and glasses. I went to Mr. Collin's enquiry. Name of my firm is "Sett Dutt and Co. watch-makers." I sent a telegram to the Lieutenant-Governor at Darjeeling. Others also sent telegrams informing him about the occurrence. This was done 2 days after the occurrence. My name was taken down before Mr. Collin's enquiry but not my evidence.

**10. GIRISH CHANDRA ROY on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 14, College Square. I am owner of the University Press and Law Book Publisher—My age is 50.

On Thursday at 8 p.m., I was travelling with 4 Marwaris in the first-class of a Belgachia Car. I had business at 297 Chitpore Road. Reaching there I found the shop closed and so did not get down and I wanted to come back by the same car via Shambazar. When I reached Grey Street I found about 1,000 people consisting of sweepers, dhangars, low class Mahomedans and 15 or 20 Constables with uniform on and *lathies*. The rest of the crowd had *lathies* and brickbats. While inside the car I heard they were crying “Here is a Bengalee Sala going.” They struck against the tram panels. The conductor came and said “When did you get in.” I told him “you gave me a ticket, don’t you know?” I was the only Bengalee in the car. Others also came and attacked me, aimed *lathies* and threw stones at me which wounded me. I was struck inside the car and then dragged out and struck on the road. While inside the car I was poked with *lathies*. At Sovabazar Street Corner a Constable struck me with a *lathie*, I was struck on a finger in the left hand (shows fracture of middle finger in left hand and marks on several parts of the body). My shirt was torn out leaving only a portion on my arm. My watch and a gold specs Rs. 35-9 in a money bag in my pocket were snatched away by my assailants. Amongst the crowd some cried out ‘Don’t beat him, he will die.’ I was then pushed into Sovabazar Street when a Constable struck me on my waist (shows his bandaged left arm).

**11. BHOLANATH SETT on solemn affirmation—**

I am Manager, Mullick Brothers.

On Wednesday when we were making up our cash we heard a row at about 9 p.m. Coming out we saw some Constables chasing and beating some Bengalees and passers-by. Several Constables came up and thrust their *lathies* in the glasses of our shop, while they were chasing. Our Syce came and told me that he was beaten. Blood was coming out of his head. Seeing this we closed the front glass-door, the Constables struck at that door and broke it. We ran upstairs for our lives. From there we heard the noise of the breaking of our glasses. Our Saris and clothes were strewn. Our loss was about Rs. 500. I deposed before Mr. Collin to the same effect who also visited our shop. Police Superintendent also came and investigated. Next day we sent a wire to Lieutenant-Governor in conjunction with some of the principal shopkeepers of the locality. No reply has been received to the wire.

**12. SAMSER on solemn affirmation—**

I am Syce, Mullick Brothers.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., my carriage was at the door when I found police Constables were beating people to the north and the horse bolted with the carriage. I was seated behind the carriage and fell down in the jerk. A Conctable struck me on my left leg and I fell down, when another Constable struck me on my head.(shows a scar). Then I went inside the shop of my master. I was bleeding profusely, and showed it to my master. I

was taken to the hospital where my wound was dressed. The wound is not yet healed, and I am still using medicines. I went to Mr. Collin's inquiry, but I was not asked anything.

**13. TULSEY CHARAN GHOSE on solemn affirmation—**

I live 43, Nandalal Sen's Street. I am Partner of a firm dealing in timber—age 38.

I was present at the Beadon Square meeting on Wednesday. Babu Monoronjan Guha was speaking and Babu Lalit Mohon Ghosal followed, then Mr. A. C. Roy spoke, then one Basudev spoke. He was saying “যে দিন শুশীল কুমারের বেতে হঃ, সেই দিন একজন সতী বলিয়াছিলেন বে ইংরাজ রাজস্ব যাবে”—as soon as this was said there was a *golmal* and Constables began striking with *lathies*, there were no throwing of brickbats, nor did I hear any such thing then. I was at the South-west Corner. *Lathies* incessantly fell on people. There was a great confusion. I tried to get out of the Park. One police Constable struck me with a *lathie* on my forehead, the crown of the head, and chest. I ran away and hid myself in a shop. I bled. I went northwards and was treated and nursed by some neighbours. I did not go to the enquiry held by Mr. Collin. I did not hear police ordering the meeting to be stopped.

**14. KRISTO KISORE SEN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 14-1, Sovaram Basak's Street—am Aratdar—Barabazar.

I went to the meeting on Wednesday at Beadon Square. I had rose-water, atardan etc. with me. There was some *golmal* and people ran in all directions. As I was coming out, I was beaten by Constables. On the road, I was struck on the right knee (shows swelling) and other parts of the body. I had silver vessels (atardans) with me and they were snatched away by the Constables. I took shelter in a trunk-maker's shop with several others. I saw from there Constables striking passers-by and the people in tram cars. There were no brickbats thrown in the meeting, not did I hear at that time that bricks were thrown. No policeman ordered the meeting to be stopped. I had fever for 2 or 3 days.

**15. BINDU BEWA on solemn affirmation—**

I live at Shambazar, Shikdarpara-crossing—am a Prostitute.

On Thursday at 8-30 p.m. there was *golmal* in a shop at the crossing. The *gundas* struck at the mat-door. The Constables were leading the *gundas*. They were striking at sweetmeat shops. I closed my doors. A stroke was given at the next door when a Constable said, “leave this house alone, but attack the next one.” *Lathies* were struck against my window and it was broken. They began to beat against the door and broke it open. One of the two persons inside the house was struck on his head. I then bolted the door of my own room. The other man ran away. I saw from my window that the *gundas* and the Constables broke open a *deraj* in my tenant's room and took away one pair of gold *tagas*—5½ *bharis*, one silver *beecha*—20 *bharis*,

Rs. 11 in cash, and some utensils. They then broke open my room and snatched my *Makri* from my ear (shows marks) and a gold necklace—5 *bhari* from my neck and *tagas* from my arms (shows marks on arms and neck, caused while so snatching). All this was done in view of the Constables who were standing at the door. Then 3 pieces out of 10 *churis* were taken from my arm, a lot of utensils and cloths were also taken away. Four rooms were looted. About 20 *gundas* entered my house and about 100 standing outside. I complained to the police, I informed my neighbours Kumar M. N. Mitra and Hon'ble B. N. Bose. The Police took down my statement. I deposited a shirt and key in the police station which were left behind. I petitioned the Commissioner of Police. I sent a registered letter to Mr. E. W. Collin (shows receipt). I lodged complaint in Sham-pukur Thana.

**16. NOTOBOR DUTT on solemn affirmation.**

I live at Notunbazar.

I have a sweetmeat shop there. On Wednesday at 7-30 or 8- p.m. we were seated in our shop when some paharawallas struck me with *lathies* and *looted* the things of the shop (shows a mark on finger —the wound is still fresh). I received this wound on my trying to ward off the blow on my head. My loss was 2 to 3 hundred rupees. About 25 Constables looted my shop. I was beaten as I remonstrated. I did not inform the police.

**17. BRINDABAN DUTT on solemn affirmation—**

I am aged 70.

I have a poddar shop at the Corner of Beadon Street. On Wednesday at 10 p.m., some Constables came and poked me with *lathies*. I closed the door and then the Constables broke the window of my shop.

**18. JADUNATH GHOSE on solemn affirmation—**

I am aged 62. I live at 11, Baranasee Ghose's Street. Sweetmeat shop.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m. I heard a golmal and came out into the Street and saw Constables in batches running on. I came to my shop. One Constable said the "Sala is a Bengalee" and struck me on my left shoulder and chin (shows marks); My articles were thrown about and taken away: the loss being Rs. 11.

**19. NRITYA MOHUN PAL on solemn affirmation—**

I am aged 80. Owner of 10, Baranasee Ghose's Street.

I live upon house rent. On Wednesday at 10 p.m. I came out to collect the daily rents from tenants.—Some Constables struck me on my left shoulder and hand with *lathie* (shows marks) I fell down. I had fever for 3 or 4 days. I have still pain and swelling.

## 20. MOHENDRA NATH PAL on solemn affirmation—

I live at 5, Baranasee Ghose's Street.

I was seated at Gagan Pal's house with some others. There was a *golmal*—we came out, 12 or 13 Constables came up saying "Here are Bengalee Salas." We were struck (shows marks on right knee and shoulder. This was on Wednesday at 9 p.m.

## 21. SATISH CHANDRA DEY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 371, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday Police struck Shama Charan Pal of our shop (Manick-lal Seal's shop) while he was closing the shop. He got a fracture on the right hand. The Constables broke our electric fans and lights. I was present at this outrage. Complaint was made to Mr. Collin. Shama Charan Pal has gone to his native village.

## 22. KEDARNATH DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at Champatolla—Akhil Mistry's Lane. Hawker of Sweetmeats.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m. I was going to Lall bazar to purchase sweets when I heard a row. I saw Constables beating the passers-by. A *paharawalla* snatched my purse and the utensils I had for sweets. I had Rs. 7-14 in my purse. I had other sweets with me which I purchased at Barabazar and they were also taken away.

## 23. RAMHURY BHUR on solemn affirmation—

I live at 23, Ram Mohun Shah's Lane.

My brother Bistuhari Bhar has got a cloth shop at 155, Upper Chitpore Road. On Thursday at 11-30 p.m. I returned to my shop on getting some information and found the doors broken open and looted. The damages are assessed at Rs. 5,000. Cash Rs. 125 and a gold ornament valued at Rs. 100 were also broken away. The ornament was kept in the shop for repairs. I am a practising pleader in the Court of the Municipal Magistrate. I went to the Shampukur Thana that night but they did not record my statement. Next day I *filed* a petition before the Commissioner of police and on the 9th before Mr. Collin. When I went to the shop I found some Constables sitting outside the shop.



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B. C. Mitra ]

Witness No. 24  
RADHABINODE SEN.



## Second Day's Proceedings.

20th October 1907.

From 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Rai Srinath Pal Bahadur was deputed by the Commission to take the deposition of Babu Radhabenode Sen, at 115, Aheeretola Street whose condition was declared serious by his relatives.

### 24. RADHABINODE SEN on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115, Aheeretola Street—(taken on Commission at his house):—

(Shows injuries in the left knee and the right shoulder and in the back of the waist—can hardly speak).

On Wednesday, at about 8-45 p.m. while I was coming from a trunk-shop at the corner of Chorebagan, I saw Pahrawallahs standing in a file. I was told by a Paharawallah to walk by the other side of the road of the Nimtollah Ghat Street (corner of the Chitpore Road) and while I was so doing I was struck by two paharawallahs on my left knee and right shoulder. An old paharawallah asked the others to stop the beating and I ran away home. I have been bed-ridden since then (condition pale, eyes yellow, limbs emaciated, age 61), and under treatment of Dr. Brahmanarain.

### 25. A. C. Roy on solemn affirmation—

I live at 25-5, Kundu Lane.

I have got a shoe-factory at 145-4, Lower Chitpore Road—I was one of the speakers in the Beadon Square meeting on Wednesday. I attended the meeting at 8 p.m., I gave a speech and was followed by Basudev, a young man. While he was speaking Police Inspector Fazil shouted out "stop the meeting, stones are being thrown at us." I did not see any stones thrown, nor did anybody else say that stones were being thrown.

Question by Hon'ble R. C. Pal—Are you quite sure that stones were not thrown?

Ans.—I am quite sure that stones were not thrown.

Q.—How do you arrive at that conclusion?

A.—Because the police officer sat near us only 3 or 4 yards from the platform, they sat among the audience.

Q.—By President—Did any body tell him that no stones were thrown?

A.—No opportunity was given as shewn by their subsequent conduct.

Before the order of the Inspector Fazil was hardly finished, some policeman shouted "एक्टिंग" (strike). The policeman was above the rank of paharawallas, and concurrently a whistle was blown. Then the constables began to strike the people with lathies indiscriminately. None of the meeting nor anybody outside gave any provocation. I am quite sure of it. In the hubbub I lost my hat and stick. While I was endeavouring to leave the meeting and run away an old Brahmin shewed me his hand

and said he was severely beaten in the hand. I was trying to come to the Beadon Street. While I had just left the footpath, I saw 50 policemen rushing towards us and beating people indiscriminately. In order to avoid beating I thought of crossing the road to find shelter. Before I could do so I was struck by a paharawalla in full uniform. I was struck on the left scapula severely. I got only one blow. Pain still exists. I then managed to run away. The Inspector and his men did not give any opportunity of quietly leaving the meeting or returning to it. They attacked by surprise. I don't know whether I scaled over the fencing or passed through the gate. I did not complain to any police officer. I wrote a short letter to the "Bengalee" that very night on the receipt of a note received from Babu Panchcowri Banerjee, Sub-Editor of the "Bengalee." While I was coming away I saw quiet passers-by being struck by paharawallas. I did not appear before Mr. Collin. Inspector Fazil said, "The meeting was getting disorderly and stones were being thrown at him." As a matter of fact the meeting was not getting disorderly, the audience were quite taken by surprise. I further saw from the street that the paharawallahs were striking against the tram car. All this took place at about 9 p.m. I did not notice any lamps being broken. From the position in which I was I could see the tram-cars struck.

#### 26. KHETRANATH GANGOPADHAYA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 1, Haralal Mitter's Lane, Baghbazar. Cloth-merchant—aged 65.

On Thursday, at 8-30 p.m., I closed my cloth-shop at 129-1-44, Cornwallis Street. On getting some information that shop would be looted, I came back at 12-30 A.M., and found my shop broken and clothes stolen to the value of Rs. 700. Next morning I gave information to the Police, but they did not enquire.

#### 27. SHANKAR BANERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 1, Haralal Mitter's Lane, Baghbazar.

I am owner of a grocer's shop at No. 8, Bosepara Lane. On Thursday, at 8 or 8-30 p.m., I saw 5 Constables in uniform and 70 or 80 goondas striking against the mat-door of my shop. I entered the shop with the goondas. The paharawallahs were poking their lathies at the mat-door. I was beaten by one of the goondas. I seized a lathie aimed at me. The goondas took away all my articles worth about Rs. 500. Last witness is my father-in-law. I got only one blow. The lathie is still with me.

#### 28. AMRITA LAL DATTA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 25-1, Mirzaffer's Lane.

I have got a kerosine oil shop at the Municipal market. On Thursday, the 3rd October, at about 6 p.m., I got into a tram car near the Kristodas Pal Stage. At 7 p.m., I boarded a Chitpore car near Fouzdar Balakhana. At 7-30 p.m., the car came up to Grey Street. As soon as the



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J. C. Bose B. A.]

Witness No. 28.  
AMRITA LAL DUTT.



arrived there several people dislocated the trolley rope and put out the light and then began to strike against the front of the car. I stood upon a bench and then brickbats were thrown at the car. The assailants were *voondas*. I could not make out whether they were Constables. I found all passengers had left the 1st and 2nd class cars. I tried to come down from the car when I was assaulted by several of the men with *lathies*. (Showing left forearm in splints). There is a fracture. Dr. Haridhone Datta is treating me. I saw a paharawallah to whom I complained. He asked me to run away otherwise I would be further beaten. Then I was taken home in a carriage by some of my friends. I am still under treatment. I am incapacitated from work. My age is 38. I did not report to anybody.

#### 29. DR. KHAGENDRALAL SEN on solemn affirmation—

I am a Homœopathic Practitioner—No. 54, Baranashi Ghose's Street.

About 4 days ago I was called to see a patient in the bustee of 109, Baranashi Ghose's Street. I saw three or four injuries on his head. He got tetanus. His name is Rajani Kanta Ghose. I sent him to the Medical College Hospital yesterday as his condition was precarious. He said he was assaulted by some paharawallahs near the Beadon Square. The police of Jorasanko came to enquire of me when I sent the man to the hospital. I made a statement before the police to this effect. In my opinion the patient would not survive more than 48 hours. The patient is a very poor man.

#### 30. PRAN KRISHNA PYNE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 39, Kaliprosad Dutt's Street. A clerk in Beharilal Dey's shop.

On Wednesday at 8-30 P.M., while I was coming from my shop I entered the Beadon Square when Mr. A. C. Roy was delivering a speech. Basurev Babu followed him. While he was speaking a Mahomedan Inspector who was writing a report near the *dias* shouted out and said "Stop the meeting, some disturbance to the north of the meeting!" Immediately a young Bengali Inspector said "াগাছ সব শান্তকো" (beat all the Salas). At once a paharawalla struck a gentleman, who stood by the side of the Mahomedan Inspector, who fell down and was again struck. There were 3 or 4 paharawallahs near the platform who began striking people who ran away. The Constables who were outside on the road began to enter the park driving the people back. While I was attempting to scale the fencing to the south a paharawalla in full uniform snatched away my silk chuddar and another paharawalla struck me on the left arm (shows mark). My wound is not yet healed up. Then I took shelter in a *mistri*'s shop. I found that on the East of the Square some 10 or 12 Constables were driving away the people towards the Rambagān side brandishing their lathies.

### 31. BHUOTNATH MANNA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 4, Goolu Ostagur's Lane.

I am general manager in the firm of H. D. Manna and Co. of 356 Upper Chitpore Road. (Druggists shop). On Wednesday at about 8-30 p.m. I heard a row. I came out and saw a *golmal* at the Beadon Square corner. Then about 30 or 40 Constables came running and tried to enter our shop. There were many friends of mine who fled inside the shop. They struck me on the back and waist. I had pain for 2 to 3 days. We then closed our doors (glass) which were then broken to pieces by *parhawallas*. The glass-cases and show-bottles were also broken. Then we put out the main switch and the police went away.

### 32. NIBARAN CHANDRA MITTRA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 42, Durga Charan Mittra's Street. I am aged 65.

I work in the import and supply agency Canning Street. On Thursday the 3rd October about 7-30 or 8 p.m., I boarded a tram-car near *Fouz-dury Ballakhana*. When the car arrived at the Grey Street crossing 60 or 70 people consisting of 15 or 16 constables, 50 or 60 *dhangars* and low class Mahomedans surrounded the car with *lathies* in their hands. From their appearance I took them to be *dhangars*. The *parhawallas* were in uniform. I was standing in front of the trailer on the car, when I was struck on the right scapula. (The witness produced a medical certificate from Dr. Jogendra Nath Ghosh, L. M. S., showing that he had a fracture of the spine of right scapula. The hand is still bandaged and he can't move it). Another *paharawalla* struck me on the fingers of the left hand, and I was also beaten on other parts. I had this coat on (shows a tattered coat) in whose pocket I had a cloth purse containing Rs. 32 which was snatched away by *paharawallas* who came into the car. While I was still there other people who were in the car dropped out. I got down near my house where I was helped in. I am still incapacitated from work. I wrote a report to the *Bengalee* and sent a petition to the Commissioner of the Presidency Division but received no reply. (The man is old and emaciated and his hurts are very severe).

### 33. SHEIK SHOMEER, (Mahomedan), on solemn affirmation—

I am an assistant in an umbrella shop at 277-7, Upper Chitpore Road. On Thursday at 8-30 p.m., on hearing a *golmal* I closed the doors of my shop. We remained within. I saw 10 or 12 constables with about 200 low class people come and break open the door. The constables stood on the road. About 20 *gundas* entered the shop and carried away about half of our articles in view of the constables. While the looting was going on I offered a bribe of Rs. 10 to a *Jemadar* asking him to withdraw the people from my shop. I paid Rs. 10 to him and the people were withdrawn. I locked the shop. I was struck by constables but I have got no marks. I gave information to the Kumartolee Thana. There about 40 *Jemadars* were made to stand in a row. I identified the *Jemadar* who took bribe from me. This was after I gave evidence before Mr. Collin. After the identification my statement was taken by the Inspector. I knew the *Jemadar* from before.



Witness No. 32.

NIBARAN CHANDRA MITTRA.

Witness No. 45.

AMRITA KRISHNA DUTT.



## 34. KAMAKHA CHARAN BANNERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 97, Upper Chitpore Road, (Tailor shop).

On Wednesday at 8-30 P.M., 4 policemen, constables in uniform, came up to my shop. Two of them got up on the verandah and struck me with *lathies* on the left side in three places. I still feel pain on the left jaw. I managed to close the shop and then went away.

## 35. DASARATHY BHAR on solemn affirmation—

I live at 81, Upper Chitpore Road, (Tailor shop).

I work in the above-named shop. On Wednesday at about 8-30 P.M., a passer-by asked me to close my shop, as *golmal* was going on in the north. As I was closing the shop some 25 constables came up in uniform and with regulation *lathies*. One constable came out of the file and struck me on my chest (shows mark). I fell down. I was helped inside by another shop-assistant. We then barred the shop and the police went away.

## 36. AKSHOY KUMAR DASS on solemn affirmation—

I live at 68-7, Durga Charan Mitter's Street.

I have a sweetmeat shop at Brarabazar. On Thursday at about 10 P.M., on my way home near Babu Kally Nath Mitter's house at Beadon Street 4 constables in uniform came running towards me, 3 of them struck me on the left hand (shows mark in two places) and back (big scars on the back). When I attempted to run away another constable struck me on the right leg and I fell down. I gave no provocation. They came on a sudden and struck me. My chaddar was taken away. They searched my waist cloth and took Rs. 1-5 which I had with me. I was under the treatment of Dr. Surath Ch. Bose. I am still under his treatment.

## 37. SASI BHUSAN COONDU on solemn affirmation—

I live at 17-1, Chasadhabapara Street.

I live on house rents. On Wednesday at 11 P.M., I went to the Beadon Square to see what was going on. When 4 or 5 men caught me by the neck saying "He is a Bengali." Two constables were standing 10 or 12 cubits off. Those people dragged me a few paces. I fell down and got injuries. I fainted away. While I was returning my shirt and coat were snatched away. The *paharawallahs* who were standing by, did not interfere. They made me naked. Then a *paharawallah* came and told me "Bhago, Bhago." (Go away).

## 38. NAGENDRA NATH DEY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 277-8, Upper Chitpore Road, (Umbrella-shop).

At about 8-30 P.M., on Thursday, I saw some 10 or 12 *paharawallas* in their uniform but without the belts rush upon our shop and struck a blow on the leg of my father, who was sitting near the door and struck me also on the left leg (shows marks). Some of the articles which were kept

outside were taken away by the *goondas* who were with the *paharawallas* as well as by 2 or 3 constables. We then barred our doors. I went to Mr. Collin and gave evidence to this effect.

**39. DUKHIRAM PANWALLAH** on solemn affirmation—

I have got a "Pan" shop at the Garan-hatta crossing. On Thursday at 7 P.M., I closed my shop. I came back at 12 P.M., and found it was all right. The next morning I came and found the door intact but the planks removed from the floor and my articles were some stolen and some scattered. I complained to the European Sergeants who were then on duty, but they said they did not know and said, "Bhago." (Go away).

**40. SARAT CHANDRA PRAMANICK** on solemn affirmation—

I work in a sweetmeat shop situated at 2, Baranashi Ghose's Street. On Wednesday, at 9 or 9-30 P.M., I was sitting in my shop, when 10 or 12 constables came up and gave me a thrust of the *lathie*. I went inside my shop. Some of the sweets were eaten and some thrown away and some carried away. They were in uniform except belts.

**41. NITAI CH. PAL** on solemn affirmation—

I have got a tailor-shop at 80, Upper Chitpore Road. On Wednesday at 8-30 P.M., I heard the sound of glass panes being broken at a neighbouring shop. I put out the light and had no time to close the doors, when 2 constables rushed upon my shop, a boy and an old man who were in my shop were assaulted by the *paharawallahs*. The boy was struck when he attempted to run out of the shop. The old man got a thrust of the *lathie*. The door was then bolted.

**42. HARI CHARAN DAS** on solemn affirmation—

I have got a tailor shop at 153, Upper Chitpore Road. On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., I heard of the looting of shops. I hurriedly made up my cash and just managed to fasten one padlock when a *kalla* of *paharawallahs* came, and 6 of them came out of the file and one of them struck me on the left side of the forehead (black mark visible and a contusion). I fell down and the *paharawallas* snatched away my cash, Rs. 143 wrapped up in a piece of paper. A neighbouring *atarwallah* came up and attended to my injuries. I took shelter in the *atarwallah*'s shop. I remained there for one hour. While there I saw some 15 constables, with about 20 men who seemed to be *mootials* come to my shop and attempt to break open my shop. The *atarwallah* said he was a Mahomedan and that was his shop. The constables said to the mob "let it alone." Then they moved away. I remained there all night. I saw passengers in the tram car being dragged out of the car and assaulted and robbed by the *paharawallahs*. The *goondas* stood looking on.

## 43. RAM CHAND SHAH on solemn affirmation—

I have got a sweet-meat shop at the Sobhabazar crossing. At 10 p.m., on Thursday some 50 low class people came and looted my neighbour's sweetmeat shop. Seeing this I took away my articles inside the almirah and as I was taking the cash inside, 10 or 12 constables came and one struck me with a *lathie* on the left leg. Some-one pulled me by the leg and I fell down and was mercilessly beaten (shows injuries on the leg, big marks and scars). I missed my cash box which contained Rs. 100. (There are 8 or 10 marks big and dist'nt in his hand and leg). One of the constables said "Don't beat him further, the man would die." They then left and I was carried home by my relations.

## 44. KUNJA BEHARI MUKERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 156-1, Upper Chitpore Road, (Sweet-meat shop).

The last witness's shop is just by my side. On Thursday at 8-30 p.m., some 200 or 300 men led by a fat Jemadar of Jorasanko whom I knew from before and some 5 or 6 constables came into my shop and ate and scattered away my sweets and removed some of my utensils and a cash-box containing Rs. 18 or 19, the proceeds of that day's sale and Rs. 200 which I had borrowed that noon from one Devendra Nath Chatterji of Jagat Mukerji's Street. I was then beaten. About an hour after 3 constables with some *goondas* came and assaulted Ram Chandra Saw (the last witness) severely. One constable struck me two blows. I then ran and hid myself in a *handi* shop of Rameswar Coondu. The potter challenged me. I said I was a poor Brahmin and I came for shelter. I did not inform the police. I can identify the Jemadar.

## 45. AMRITA KRISHNA DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115, Upper Chitpore Road, (Plumber shop).

At 6-30 p.m., on Thursday while I was coming from Grey Street to Chitpore Road, I saw a gang of constables and Jemadars going from south. They had uniforms on. I stood on the footpath. One Jemadar came near me. I got upon a *roak*. The Jemadar struck me on the head. He is a tall man. Some of the *pahrawallahs* struck me also. I was trying to get into a lane when my umbrella, chaddar and papers were snatched away by some *goondas* who were with the constables. Then the Jemadar asked them to let me go—(shows bandaged head). I am under treatment of Dr. Jatindra Nath Dutt, (wound more than 3" long and 1½" deep. The wound is still 1½" not healed up). The place of assault was 400 yds. from Coomartooly Thana. I deposed before Mr. Collin mostly to this effect.

## 46. JOTINDRA MOHAN PAL on solemn affirmation—

I live on house-rent. I reside at 34, Baranashi Ghose's Street.

On Wednesday at 8-30 or 9 p.m., I went to the Beadon Square for a constitutional walk as usual. A meeting was being held. I did not attend the meeting.. I seated myself on a bench near the statue. There were 2 or 3 others there. At that time there was a *golmal* at the meeting and

immediately I saw several gentlemen coming running towards me chased by constables in uniform. Those near me ran away. I was putting on my shoes when the constables came towards me. One *pahrawallah* struck me on the head, (shows a deep scar on the head). Two other *pahrawallahs* chased those who were running away. I ran away. I deposed before Mr. Collin to this effect. I did not notice any brickbats being thrown there in the place.

#### 47. PULIN BEHARI DEY on solemn affirmation—

I have a poddar shop at 346, Upper Chitpore Road just opposite Beadon Square. At 8-30 p.m., on Wednesday, I closed the shop and went home, leaving the *sircar* who sleeps there and eats at a hotel. My *sircar* could not come to the shop because of the *golmal*. On Thursday, I came back at 6-30 a.m., and found doors broken open and a box missing. The box contained silver toys worth Rs. 200 or 300. Models were also stolen. I spoke to the constables on duty. They said “*বালি শালা লোক, বন্দে মাতৃমত্তকো বোলো*” (go Sala and cry *Bandemataram*). I found that attempts had been made to break open the iron chest. I can identify the constables who said those words to me. I did not attend Mr. Collin's enquiry.

#### 48. KALIDAS BHAR on solemn affirmation—

I have a cloth shop at 155, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Thursday I came back to my shop at 10 p.m., on getting some information. I and several others came to the place with *lathies* and axe and found 5 or 6 constables on the footpath, the door of the shop broken open and 10 or 12 *dhangars* and coolies inside the shop, looting the shop. We gave some blows to the *goondas* and they left. The constables also went away. My cash-box was stolen. My loss is estimated at Rs. 2,000. I gave evidence to this effect before Mr. Collin.

#### 49. PURNA CHANDRA BHATTACHARJI on solemn affirmation—

I am a medical practitioner, L.C.P.S., having a dispensary at Barabazar, Narain Prosad's Lane. On Wednesday at 8-45 p.m., while I was walking home and when near Beadon Square, I saw 4 or 5 constables suddenly attacking me with *lathies*. It was at the south-west corner of the square. I was struck by the 4 or 5 constables on various parts of the body, (shows marks on the head and one at the back). I have got pain still all over the body. I fell on the ground. After beating me the constables went away. With difficulty I walked home. I did not go to Mr. Collin.

#### 50. ATUL KRISHNA DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 16, Gollock Dutt's Lane, shopkeeper at Municipal Market, (oilman's stores).

On Wednesday at 9 a.m., I was returning home in a tram car. I was in the trailer-car. The car stopped at Beadon Square crossing. Brickbats were thrown at this car and *lathies* thrust by *paharawallahs* into the

car. Passengers fled. One gentleman got down from the car, and being assaulted by constables he fell down. As I tried to run away I was attacked by 3 constables, (shows mark on left arm). I have still pain all over the body and can't use my hands. I did not go to Mr. Collin.

**51. KHIROD BEHARI PAL on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 102, Hari Ghose's St., Tailor's shop at 334. Upper Chitpore Road. Firm's name P. C. Pal and Co.

On Thursday at 8-30 P.M., I was going home after closing my shop. I found 400 or 500 people. Among them were many constables standing there. When I reached Chaitanya Library some *paharawallahs*, 25 or 30, in full uniform said “*এই বাঙালি শলা*” (“Here is a Bengali *Sala*.”) They tried to snatch my chain etc. My *durwan* interfered. Then 5 or 6 *lathie* blows were given by 5 or 6 constables. My *durwan* received 2 blows, I was under treatment of Dr. Rajmohan Banerji. I was confined to bed for 5 days. There is still pain all over the body. I appeared before Mr. Collin and gave evidence to the same effect. (Shows mark on leg).

**52. KRISTA CHARAN KARMOKAR on solemn affirmation—**

I have a Poddar shop at 36, Sitaram Ghose's Street.

On Thursday at 6-30 P.M., I was going to purchase silver. Near Beadon Square 2 constables came. They had no pagries but had other dress and came out of a file of constables and struck me on right upper arm and back, (shows two marks and also a swelling on right hand). I fled into Natunbazar. I am still under Medical treatment. I was bedridden for 5 or 6 days. Dr. Khagendra Nath Sen treated me.

**53. UPENDRA NATH PAL on solemn affirmation—**

I have a book shop at 337 Upper Chitpore Road.

On Thursday at 7 P.M., I was sitting in my shop when I saw a gang of constables chasing people and saying “*মার, মার*” (“beat.”). Two persons were coming from north and took shelter on *rok* of the next shop. One of them was assaulted by the constables. The 2 men took shelter in my shop. There were *dhangars* and *goondas* with the 10 or 12 constables and one of the constables ordered “*এই বাঙালীর দোকান, লুট কেও*” (“Loot this Bengali's shop.”) I am positive it was a *paharawallah* in uniform. The *goondas* threw brickbats at my shop. 7 glass-panes were broken. One constable came up to the shop and broke 3 glass-panes with a *lathie*. Then the party retired. I ran inside the godown at the beginning and could see from there.

**54. UPENDRA NATH CHATTERJEE on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 12, Chorebagan Lane.

I am employed in a bicycle shop of B. C. Pannah of Corporation Street. I am also employed as a guard at the Star Theatre. At about 1 A.M., on Wednesday, while returning from theatre on my way home near Bartollah Thana I saw several constables standing. When I came up 12 or 13 constables mercilessly struck me with *lathies*, (shows a large number of marks on body and a deep scar on the head and face). This occurrence

took place 10 cubits from Bartollah Thana. I ran away and fell down. From the thanah office some one ordered "আনন্দ মারো" ("Take away his life."). I said "I work in theatre, you know me" still I was assaulted while I was running. When I fell down they snatched away my watch, Rs. 8 and cloth. I can identify 1 or 2 constables. They then went away leaving me thinking me dead. The constables whom I can recognise belong to Burtollah Thana. I am still under medical treatment. I went to Mr. Collin. My name was noted but not called.

#### 55. ASHUTOSH SEN GUPTA on solemn affirmation—

I am a clerk, Accounts Department, Bank of Bengal, (60-1, Nimtollah 1st Lane). 6/43

On Thursday, at 8-15 P.M., I, with a friend, came to the road near the crossing. There was a *golmal*. I then went along to Brindaban Basack's Lane. I then saw 30 or 40 European Sergeants coming running towards us. I tried to run away but fell down. I was almost senseless as I got an injury. I then gained consciousness. I perceived several *lathie* blows falling on my back. About 10 or 12 European Sergeants held me and raised me up and gave me *lathie* thrust. Then several Indian constables came up and I was left to their charge. The *pahrawallahs* took me to Beadon Square crossing giving me blows. The *pahrawallas* tried to snatch a German-silver tiffin-box which I had with me. I did not give it to them. I was struck on the hand, (shows mark). I was taken to some European policemen near Beadon Square. One of them pointed his guns towards me and asked me "were you throwing brick-bats." I said "No. I was returning with tiffin-box from office" and showed them the box. They ordered me to be taken to the thana. The constables took me inside a liqueor shop, where I found others also taken. 10 or 15 minutes after they took me out and arranged us in files of 2 to be taken to Jorasanko Thana where we were taken. On the way we were beaten. At thana I was examined. I wanted to go to hospital as I had pain in my chest. I was sent along with 5 others. Two were kept as indoor patients as they were 13 years old lads and had their legs fractured and the rest sent to thana. We were kept in the thana lock-up where we stayed the whole night. Next morning at 8-30 A.M., we were taken out and again put into the lock-up. We were there 38 in number in the small lock-up. Everyone of us was in agony. Then 12 or 13 of us were made to sit in the court-yard, as we were stifled with heat etc., in the lock-up. In the afternoon 4 or 5 were let out on bail. At night of that day I was let go on my father's standing security. It was then midnight. On the following day I and others went to the Commissioner of Police. About me it was said that Police saw a brick-bat in my hand. I was asked to come again on Monday. Mr. N. Gangooly saw the Superintendent and when I was placed before the Commissioner, the Police said, I had in my hand a tiffin-box and the Commissioner admonished me not to attend meeting, etc. The same Superintendent, who said I had tiffin-box stated previously that I threw bricks.

#### 56. HARIDAS DHAR on solemn affirmation—

I have a Foddar shop, at 149, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday at 8-30 P.M. I closed the door of my shop and went to Beadon Square to hear speeches. A youngman was delivering his speech



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Witness No 58.  
PARESH NATH SIRCAR.



when Shampooer Thana Inspector ordered the meeting to be stopped and a whistle was blown and all the constables round about surrounded the meeting. As I was going out a constable struck me on my right waist. The constable beat the people in the meeting. Next day, Thursday, I heard about 4 P.M., constables saying all swadeshi shops will be looted. In the evening when constables were assaulting the people I closed the shop from inside. The constables were saying "মারা আনা লোকে" and beating. On both the days I saw constables beating.

**57. ATINDRA KUMAR DAS GHOSH on solemn affirmation—**

Am Clerk, Insurance Department, Jardine Skinner and Co.

On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., I was coming home in a tram car to Sobhabazar, Darmahatta, when the tram reached the crossing opposite Dole & Co.'s firm brick-bats were being thrown against the pannell. Bricks were thrown from near Nimoo Gossain's Lane. A constable came into the car and dislocated the tali-rope. The constables also in uniform were dragging Baboos from inside the car. Lathies were thrust into the car. I and others got under the benches of the car. Others fell on me. I got several thrusts on my head, ear and leg. I was dragged down from the car by constables and my chaddar and umbrella were snatched away. I took shelter in Satish Palchowdhury's house.

**58. PARESH NATH SIRCAR on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 26, Durga Ch. Mitter's Street.

On Thursday, at 8-30 P.M., I was coming on business to Jorasanko. When I came near Minerva Theatre I found 4 constables beating the people and chasing them. I was assaulted by those 4 constables on my right arm causing a fracture, (shows bandaged arm in slings). Another struck on my left shoulder. I fell down when I was assaulted on the back. That night Dr. Tulsicharan treated me. Since then I am under medical treatment. I can't raise my hand. Can't take food or work. I went also to the Medical College Hospital from where I was sent to thana. Doctors say the bones will not be set right, my age is 50.

**59. SHIB CHANDRA DAS on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 8, Grey Street, (Grocer's shop).

Tuesday at 8-30 P.M., several constables came in front of my shop. They went away 5 or 6 cubits, when goondas struck on the door which gave way and I was struck seven blows. Rs. 1,156, one necklace and all articles were taken away. My total loss is Rs. 2,100. Glasswares also were taken away. There is still pain all over the body. I am under treatment of Dr. Satish Ch. Barat. The looting took place in view of the constables who stood 4 or 5 cubits off.

## Third Day's Proceedings.

21st. October 1907.

From 1 P.M.—5-15 P.M.

### 60. DR. D. N. CHATTERJEE, M.B., C.M., (Edin.) on solemn affirmation—

I live at 282, Upper Chitpore Road.

I am a medical practitioner. On Thursday October 3rd. at 7 p.m. I was coming from Kumartuli to my house when at the junction of Grey Street and Upper Chitpore Road, one of the *paharawallas* struck his *lathie* on one of the venetians of my carriage. The venetian gave way. The constable was in full uniform 4 or 5 constables aimed their *lathies* but only one of them managed to strike me. I had other business but I could not go out for fear of further assault, so I went to my verandah which faces Upper Chitpore Rd. I saw *methars*, sweepers and *gundas* dragging only Bengalee gentlemen out of every tram car, beating them and robbing them of all their belongings. I saw two gentlemen made completely naked. I gave shelter to a few gentlemen who had got severe cuts on their bodies and showed them narrow lanes by which they escaped. This went on till 10 P.M. The *paharawallas* were about 20 yards from the tram cars. In some cases they were in front of the cars. The *paharawallas* were standing passively, looking on, enjoying the fun. I was not continuously on the verandah but most of the time. As evening advanced I saw the *gundas* carrying away a lot of cloths, etc. At 10 P.M., I saw 5 or 6 European constables, 4 of them armed. Then the rowdism began to subside. From that time no further disturbances took place. I appeared before Mr. Collin and gave evidence to this effect.

### 61. JETINI BEWA on solemn affirmation—

I live at Simla, Kansaripara, on Balai Singh's land. It is a bustee.

My son was Rajani Kanto Ghose. He died yesterday at about 11-30 A.M. I was near him at his death. He died at the Medical College Hospital. He went to shopping in Notun bazar. He came back bleeding. It was on Wednesday 2nd October, 1st day of occurrence, and he reported to me that he was assaulted by constables. It was then 9 P.M. Being poor I could not call a doctor and gave native drugs, etc. Then 4 or 5 days after we called Dr. Shreedhar who pronounced the case to be bad. Then I called Dr. Khagendranath Sen. He came, took pity on us, and gave us Rs. 2 for diet, etc. Then he treated Rajani for 2 days, but he advised us and we sent the deceased to the Medical College Hospital. He was a brazier by profession. There is no other breadwinning member in the family. He was the only earning member, earning Rs. 8 per month. He has left a widow and a daughter 4 years old. Rajani was 25 years old. These are the widow and daughter (shows). My age is about 70 years.

### 62. BESTU CHANDRA DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live in Simla, Kansaripara. I know Rajani Kanto Ghose. He worked with me. Rajani came to the work shop one day, 17 or 18 days ago. I saw his head bandaged. On my asking he said, he was assaulted by con-



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MOTHER, WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF RAJANI KANTA DAS,

(Deceased.)



stables previous night at Notun bazar. He attended work 3 or 4 days, then grew worse. I called Dr. Shreedhar who declared the case to be bad. I then called Dr. Khagendra. He helped the family with Rs. 2 and treated deceased for 3 days; then he was sent to the Hospital. I took him to the Medical College Hospital on the 19th instant in a *palki* at 10 A.M. At 5 p.m. I again went to see him. As soon as I went there 2 constables and an officer came. The deceased's statement was taken down. Rajani was asked who assaulted him. He said a *paharawalla* who struck him at Notun bazar near Beadon Square, where he went to purchase articles. Police left before me.

#### 63. SARAT CHANDRA SINGHA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 69, Mosjidbari Street. In charge of Correspondence Department of Messrs. Duncan Brothers, Merchants.

On Thursday I was coming by tram at 7-45 p.m. in a Belgachia car after the mail work. I and Babus Atul Chandra Mukerjee, perfumer, Gostobehari Basak of my office, and Johorlall Mukerjee, partner of H C. Ganguli and Co. were proceeding together. When the car reached Sovabazar crossing I was taken down by force by a constable who entered the car without uniform. There were 4 other constables in uniform near by. The man who took me down had a regulation *lathie* and police shoes. He tried to snatch my umbrella, then struck me on the back and aimed another blow on the head, I raised my umbrella which was broken and I received the blow near my left eye. The four constables did not interfere. I was again struck on the chest and have got pain. I ran into Dr. D. N. Chatterjee's house where I found Atul Babu hiding himself. My companions fled at the beginning. I reported this matter to my superior, Mr. Thomas MacMoran, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce. He said he had seen Mr. Collin.

#### 64. UPENDRA NATH BHATTACHARYA on solemn affirmation—

I live at No. 9, Galiff Street, Bagbazar. I am a sub-overseer P.W.D. On Thursday the 3rd October at 7 p.m., I was walking along Chitpore Road to my house. When I came opposite Beadon Square west some four constables in full uniform from my front and others from behind surrounded me and one of them gave the order "Beat the *Sala*." I was beaten on the head (shows scar on the head, not yet healed up and blue marks on the right forearm). I was also struck on the back. I placed myself under the treatment of Dr. Suresh Chandra Bhattacharya. Two *deshi* cloths, three silver watches and one nickle watch were snatched away from me by the constables, also a pair of new small shoes, some cash about 9 annas and a Rodger's knife were taken away. I was made naked and the cloth was taken away, the shirt only remaining. Blood fell profusely. I went to Dr. Bhattacharya at 66-1, Nimtolla Street. A passer-by gave me a chudder, which I wore. I was given medicines and the doctor dressed me. I got an appointment at Berhampore but could not join because of these injuries. I am still weak and my head reels. A compounder still dresses my wounds.

**65. TARAK NATH DAS on solemn affirmation—**

I work in a grocer's shop 15, Bagbazar Street, Bosepara. On Thursday at 9-30 P.M. I was in the shop. The mat-doors were put down and we were settling accounts, when 25 *gundas* and some *paharawallas* in uniform rushed on our shop and struck against our shop. We ran away. A few minutes after I came back and found the shop was broken into, the cash box containing Rs. 50 was taken away and all the articles were scattered. My loss is Rs. 200. Two constables entered the shop and three were outside. I gave evidence before Mr. Collin to this effect.

**66. KHETTRA GOPAL DUTT on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 155, Upper Chitpore Rd. where I have got a cloth shop. On Thursday evening we heard a *golmal* towards Beadon Street. We closed our shop from outside and locked it and went home. Next morning coming to the shop I found it looted. It was a *Swadeshi* cloth shop. Everything was taken away, even the matting. Loss Rs. 3,000. An Inspector came to investigate. I attended Mr. Collin's enquiry on the first day. My name was taken down. Next day on going there I heard that Mr. Collin had gone away.

**67. GANPAT BARIK on solemn affirmation—**

I have a *Pán* shop at 36, Grey Street.

On Wednesday at 8-30 or 9 P.M., a police *hulla* ran past my shop. Some constables came up to my shop. There were 20 or 25 *dhangars* who seized me and threw me down. There were 6 constables who were 20 cubits off. I was beaten (shows a distinct mark on back of the neck), I had a gold Mohur on my neck, which was bitten off by 4 *dhangars*. It was worth Rs. 36. *Paharawallas* saw it but did not interfere; my age is 55. I informed Bartollah Thana, but my complaint was not recorded. They said "go to the Bengalees, why come to us?"

**68. BALAI CHAND GHOSE on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 23, Beniatollah Street. I have a Tailor shop at 81, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday at 9 P.M., I saw about 25 *paharawallas* coming running on from the north, indiscriminately beating the passers-by. My shop was open. They attacked my shop, broke glass doors, and a Municipal street lamp. I ran into the shop, as my master Russick Lall Mullick was struck with *lathie* by 3 constables. Those 3 came out of the general file to strike my master.

**69. BISTU HARI BHUK on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 155, Upper Chitpore Road. I own a Cloth shop, which is next to the shop of Phetur (witness No. 66).

On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., we closed our shop. At 9 P.M., I came to Grey Street Corner and found constables and *dhangars* beating people. I could not come up to my shop. I returned home, told everything to

*Ramhurry Bhur, my brother. He returned at 12 midnight and said that everything was taken away from the shop which was looted. I related everything to Mr. Collin. My loss was Rs. 5,000.*

70. TINCORI DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at 93-3, Beadon Street.. Sorter Railway Mail Service. On Thursday at 10 P.M., I was coming home walking. Near Jorasanko crossing I saw a large crowd, so I turned towards Bolaram Dey's Street. When I came near Chaitanya Library there were 30 or 40 constables in uniform with *lathies*. They attacked me, 10 or 12, struck me saying he is a Bengalee! They struck me with *lathie* on my leg, waist, right eye corner (shows distinct black marks), I was incapacitated for 7 days.

71. AKSHOY KUMAR SHAH on solemn affirmation—

I live at 22, Sovabazar Street. Head *Gomostha* in the firm of Banku Vehary and Panchu Vehary Shah.

On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., I was returning from Barabazar by tram, when it reached Grey Street Corner, about 200 coolies came up and surrounded the car. I was in a first class car. Two Sahibs were there. A man with a *Khaki* dress on came and asked them not to enter. Seeing a large number of policemen I thought I was safe and I got down from the car. As I crossed the Chitpore Road, a constable said "Here is a Babu going." The coolies gave a cry; I ran only a short distance when the *gundas* overtook us and dragged me when I was about to enter the *gudee*. They snatched away my shirt, cloth, and a watch worth Rs. 100 which I purchased that day. I was struck on the left leg and right arm. I was confined to bed for 2 days. I informed the police but they did not investigate. I have not got back the articles lost. A police officer told me that the loot was on the Road, they could not help me.

72. MOKSHODA CHARAN MITRA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 26, Banamali Sircar's Street.

I am a draughtsmen and despatcher of T. R. Pratt, 20, Lalbazar Street.

On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., I was travelling in a Belgachia car. When I reached Grey Street I found a large number of coolie coming to the car and stop the car. They entered the car, broke the lights and began to assault the passengers within. Some got down, and so did I. A constable in uniform except the belt struck me with a *lathie* on my right shoulder. I raised my arm to protect my head when my silk *Chudder*, some cash Rs. 1-5 in a money bag were snatched away from me. My cloth was taken away. I was made naked, the shirt only being left on my body. A gentleman gave a *chudder* and I went home. I was absent for 3 days from my work. I wrote to my master next morning about the occurrence.

## 73. RONGOLAL CHATTERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 20, Sankar Haldar's Lane. Employed in Carriage and Wagon Department, E. I. Railway.

On Thursday at 6-45 p.m., I was going on foot from Notunbazar to my house. When I reached P. C. Pal's shop I saw 5 or 6 constables coming from north towards Beadon Square. They passed me and from behind struck on my head (shows mark which was 2" deep and which is still 1½" on top of the head). I bled profusely. The constables were in uniform except belt. I gave no provocation. There was no row at that time there. I did even speak to them. They suddenly struck me.

## 74. HARIDAS DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I have a Rice shop at 7, Charakdanga Road. My age is 60.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m., I was in my shop. I had almost closed the shop when 3 constables in uniform came and said "Here is a Sala." One of them threw a lathie which struck me on the chest which bled. I fell down senseless.

## 75. ROMANATH PAL on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115-1, Sovabazar Street, where I have a confection's shop.

On Thursday at 8-30 p.m., I closed my shop when the shops at the crossing were being looted. My men fled. I remained alone, 3 or 4 *paharawallas* with 200 coolies came and the constables said to the coolies—"break this sweetmeat shop." They broke open and entered my shop and I ran from behind the shop. Coming back I found all my *thalies*, all sweets, cashbox, etc. were taken away. The cashbox contained Rs. 36. 43 *thalis* were taken away. I went to Shampukur Thana. I was told "who will take your complaint? Why' make *golmal*? go away." I went to Mr. Collin's enquiries but my evidence was not taken.

## 76. RAM BISTU DEY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115, Cornwallis Street, where I have got a sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday at 8-30 p.m., I was about to close the shop, hearing the *golmal*, when one police jumadar and 10 or 12 constables came and stood in front of my shop and about 20 or 25 *gundas* entered the shop. They took hold of the cashbox, then I interfered and was assaulted twice on the back. I ran away. The constables stood 5 or 6 cubits off. Rs. 200 in cash, 50 *thalis*, 3 *Karas*, 3 *ghatis* were taken away. Sweets were scattered. I saw that Jamadar before. He belongs to Shampukur Thana. I can recognise him. I went to Mr. Collin in the Presidency Commissioner's Office, and I deposed to the same effect.

## 77. PANCHANAN KAR on solemn affirmation—

I live at 26, Prasanna Kumar Tagore Street.

I am an *amla* of the Office of Maharaja Sir J. M. Tagore. On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m., I was attending a meeting at Beadon Square. When a

Mahomedan Inspector ordered the meeting to be stopped and some hint was given by the Inspector saying "Maro" and the constables beat the audience. I was running away when I was struck on the left arm. There was no stone throwing, nor did I hear that stones were thrown. I was struck by a constable (shows swelling on left hand). On coming to the road I found many constables beating people indiscriminately. Many gentlemen were given thrusts in tram cars by constables.

**78. SUBODH CHANDRA BANERJEE on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 12, Abhoy Charan Mitra's Street. Student Albert Temple of Science.

On Thursday at about 8 p.m., I was accompanying a bullock cart which contained various articles. When I came to Dholl and Co.'s firm in Chitpore Road 2 or 3 constables came up and said "here is a Bengalee going" and began to give me pokes with *lathies*. Then constables in uniform and coolies surrounded me. First I was beaten by constables, then by the coolies. A light in my hand was dashed down. A stroke was given on my head (shows a cut) and many on my person. Then 2 *paharawallas* came and asked me "are you a *Swadeshi* or *Bilati*." I said "take my life but I won't purchase *Bilati* goods." I was again assaulted. Then 2 other Bengalees went by and the constables went to assault them. They robbed me of Rs. 5 and several of my baggages.

**79. KHAGENDRA MOHUN DUTT on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 42-2, Balaram Majumdar's Street, Kumartuli. Clerk-Turner Morrison and Co.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m. I was coming on foot from office. When I came to Beadon Square I found a crowd. At the crossing I found several constables. As I attempted to pass by them one constable said 'Strike (*lagao*)' 10 or 12 constables set on me and assaulted me (shows scar on right leg). My shirt was torn. I was absent from work for one day.

**80. HEM KUMAR MITRA on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 42, Balaram Mazundar's Street. Employed at Turner, Morrison and Co.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., when returning home with the last witness, just as we came to the Beadon Square crossing we found gas lights all put out. All on a sudden without any provocation 4 or 5 constables set on us and struck me. I received 2 blows and ran away. They had all uniforms and regulation *lathies*. There was no crowd there except the constables.

**81. SARAT CHANDRA NANDI on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 12-2, Sankar Halder's Lane. Shop at Canning Street, dealing in stationary.

On Wednesday at 11-30 p.m., I came home and I found my younger brother with injuries on his left hand. That brother is now at Janai. He said that he received injuries near Beadon Square from constables. He said that he missed Rs. 36.

**82. JADULALL MULLICK, son of Babu GOBINLALL MULLICK** on solemn affirmation—

I live at 365, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday at 9 P.M., I heard a row; I came out of the gate and saw a gang of constables about 60, passing by my house brandishing lathies: about 10 minutes after 4 or 5 constables passed by me. Another constable was following them. A gentleman was passing by. I asked him what the matter was. The last constable struck a lathie on the head of the gentleman and he bled profusely. That lathie also struck the corner of my right eye. The constable ran away. (Blood was congealed and there was a swelling). I bandaged the wound of that gentleman. He gave no provocation,—nor spoke to the constable.

**83. HARANATH BANERJEE** of Shambazar on solemn affirmation—

I have a shop at 28, Shambazar Street, it is a cloth shop.

On Thursday the Swadeshi shop in front of our house was looted by gundas. Then a trunk shop was looted and we interfered. There were no constables with them. At 10-30 P.M., we closed our shop and went home. On getting some information we went to the shop we had closed. We found constables standing and looting of our shop was over. Our loss was Rs. 3,000. I went to Ultadingi Thana; 5 thieves were arrested and some clothes recovered. Those articles are at the Thana. They would be worth Rs. 15 or 20.

**84. REBATI MOHUN GANGULI** on solemn affirmation—

I work in the shop of the last witness.

On Thursday at 9 P.M., I returned from Bowbazar to Shambazar. On getting some information I came to Cornwallis Street shop. I found about 150 low class people running away with cloths; 4 or 5 constables standing at a distance of 30 cubits. They did not interfere, 15 minutes after 15 constables and 1 Jamadar came up but made no enquiries. The small shop containing mixed goods—Deshi and Bilati—was looted—not that big shop containing deshi articles.

**85. BAIDEYANATH NARAYAN SINGH** on solemn affirmation—

I live at 23, Bhawani Charan Dutt's Lane. Student Law Class, Ripon College.

I passed the B. A. from the Allahabad University and the M. A. from the Calcutta University. I have got zemindari in Behar.

On Thursday at about 9 P.M., I had been to Jorasanko when I heard noise from Beadon Square direction. I was waiting for a tram car. I proceeded towards Beadon Square by a tram to see what was going on. I got down at the corner of the Beadon Square. I found that the streets were practically without lights. I talked to an up-country constable. I was in the dress of a Behari gentleman. I asked him why constables were assaulting. Before receiving any reply I heard the cry of a Bengalee gentleman from behind. He appeared to be returning from office. He was being beaten by some ruffians—2 or 3—and afterwards a constable

joined in the beating. This constable was in uniform without belt. I again spoke to the constable with whom I had previously talked. He told me to mind my own business and it was fortunate that I had an up-country gentleman's dress on, and that if I persisted in remonstrating I would have a similar fate. I came back by tram as I did not think it prudent to stop there. There were European sergeants and police officers standing near the place of occurrence. They could see the occurrence. They did not interfere. The crossing was deserted. There was no crowd.

86. PRYANATH BOSE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 10, Peari Mohun Sur's Lane—working in the Port Commission's office. Age 54.

On Thursday at 6-30 P.M., I was returning home from office, when near the Beadon Square entrance 10 or 12 constables severely thrashed me and gave me 10 or 12 strokes. They were in full uniform (shows big marks, about 6, on the back). All the fingers on the left hand still swollen) I became naked and Rs. 30 that I had with me fell down. I picked up Rs. 3 but could not find the rest. I was going to purchase cloths for the pujahs as I got my pay the day previous. I am 35 years in the Port Commissioner's office, where I am jetty officer.

87. BIRENDRANATH BANERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 3, Radha Mohun Gossain's Lane.

I am a landholder. On Wednesday afternoon I came as usual to take my constitutional walk in the Beadon Square. I found a meeting going on. So I attended the meeting. When Basudev was speaking Inspector Fazil complained of stone-throwing and some one ordered the police to strike. Constables assaulted. As I was running away I was struck by two constables on leg and arm. I got out of the park and was helped to my house, where I was treated by Dr. Haran Chander Das.

88. PROSONNO KUMAR PAL on solemn affirmation—

I live at 115, Cornwallis Street, where I have a grocer's shop consisting of flour, ghee, sugar, etc.

On Thursday at 9 P.M., when my shop was open I heard passers-by telling people to close shops. While I was so doing about 10 or 12 constables and a jamadar in uniform with about 100 *gundas* and coolies came upon our shop and gave me one or two strokes. The constables struck against the door and they made the coolies enter. A box containing Rs. 600 and the cashbox Rs. 300—the day's sale—were broken open and the cash taken away; as also articles worth about Rs. 400. The boxes were broken open by axes. The constables and the jamadar saw the occurrence. I knew the jamadar from before. He is attached to Sham-pukur Thana. I can recognise him even now. I deposed before Mr. Collin. Police did not enquire, nor take down my complaint.

## 89. BHAGAWAN CHANDRA DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at 128, Cornwallis Street, where I have got a cloth shop. On Thursday at 8 P.M., I closed my shop and went home and at 11 P.M., I got information that my shop was *looted*. On coming I saw the shop doors broken and 5 or 6 constables standing 10 cubits off. There was a Jemadar there. I complained to them and told them how in their presence my clothes worth Rs. 5,000 were looted. They asked me to cry *Bande Mataram*. About 20 gentlemen also were standing there, who in presence of those policemen told me that those policemen had caused the shop to be looted.

## 90. UPENDRA NATH DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 46, Beniatolla St., Clerk, Commercial East India Agency Co.

On Thursday at 7-30 or 8 P.M., I was returning from office on foot by Neemtolla Street. When I came to Beadon Square crossing 10 or 12 constables cried 'Beat the Sala.' The constables had uniform without belt and shoes. They assaulted me with *lathies*. When I tried to run away one constable caught hold of me and gave blows, (shows 2 scars on the head). I was made naked. I had Rs. 14-8 in my shirt pocket and they took away the cash and my wearing cloth. I was incapacitated for 5 days.

## 91. GOSTO BEHARY DAW on solemn affirmation—

I live at 135, Upper Chitpore Road, spice shop.

On Thursday after dusk some 20 or 25 constables in uniform with other low class people struck the articles with *lathies* and removed some of them. I dropped down one door from the top when the constable gave a blow on my left hand, (shows the nail on the thumb smashed and big mark round it).

## 92. BALARAM KUNDU on solemn affirmation—

I live at 129-1-33, Cornwallis Street, Kundu's cloth shop.

On Thursday at about 8-30 P.M., I closed my shop and was working within when two constables coming up said "here is a bengalee shop, loot it." Then some *gundas* began to break the door and entered the shop by breaking the lock and removed articles worth Rs. 600.

## 93. AKSHAY KUMAR DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at Chitpore Road, Musical Instrument shop.

On Thursday at about 7-30 P.M., as I was closing my shop and after padlocking one door was going to put another lock, many constables with *gundas* came. One constable struck me on my right thigh, another constable struck on my right hand, (the hand is still greatly swollen). The *gundas* snatched away my chudder and Rs. 5, which I had in my waist cloth.

**94. PURNA CHANDRA DEY on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 4, Beadon Street, Cashier, Planter's Stores Office. I am nephew of late Dr. Kanai Lall Dey, Roy Bahadur, C.I.E.

On Wednesday, after evening, constables repaired from Beadon Street into the Square. After that there was a *golmel*, people running on all sides. Then I found some low class people breaking street lamps. On Thursday at Beadon Square crossing, I found a large crowd of European Sergeants and constables. On reaching home, I got some information, I came out to the verandah and saw about 200 policemen, European and Indian, all assaulting and charging people on the road. Then at night, I found the low class people assaulting passers-by indiscriminately. Constables standing in front not interfering. Constables assaulted people some of whom made a stand while others tried to run away. I saw in 2 or 3 cases, gentlemen were made naked. One gentleman appealed to a *paharawalla* for mercy saying he was returning from office and had nothing with him. The constable came up and said "beat the Sala Bengalee." The constable himself gave a *lathie* blow. The *gundas* were joining the constables after looting and assaulting the people beneath the verandah of the Chaitanya Library. Next morning, I went with J. N. Bose, Esq., Secretary, North Club to the Commissioner of Police. Mr. Bose saw the Commissioner who told him that he had heard the reports and would take steps. Superintendent Aldridge, Inspector B. B. Gupta came to me for enquiry, I am Honorary Treasurer of the Chaitanya Library. Myself, Gaurhari Babu and others made our statements. Superintendent Aldridge said that he was satisfied as to the complicity of the constables stationed there and would try to find out those men. I did not hear from the Inspector or Superintendent since then.

**95. GOPAL CHANDRA GUPTA on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 6, Gupta's Lane, Book-keeper, Barlow and Co.

On the 2nd October at 8-45 P.M., I came to the crossing of Gupta Lane, when I saw a gentleman coming, panting and saying that people were assaulted at the meeting. I saw two constables smash down the glass-doors of Mullick Brothers. I took refuge in Satya Pal's shop, which was attacked by two constables who broke the glass doors. A young constable struck me inside the shop with a *lathie* on the calf of my left leg, while another poked me on my right armpit, saying 'Bengalee Sala.' The badge of the first constable bore the number 41 or 46, (not sure). I could not read the number of the second constable.

**96. ADHAR CHANDRA SADHUKHAN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 125-2, Cornwallis Street, Grocer's shop.

On Thursday at about 8-30 P.M., when Nepal Pal's shop was looted, I closed my shop and went home. At 10 P.M., I got some information, came to the shop, found it *looted*, doors broken, ironsafe broken and Rs. 53-13 inside the safe missing. 10 or 12 constables and 1 Jamadar were standing in front of my shop. I complained—they said, "Cry out *Bande Mataram*." I know the Jamadar. He is a very tall man attached to Shampukur Thana. The Jemadar told me to cry "*Bande Mataram*." I can identify him. I was examined by Mr. Collin.

## 97. RAMDHAN DAS on solemn affirmation—

I have a Shoe shop at Garanhatta Crossing.

On Wednesday at 11 P.M., after the constables had beaten the gentlemen at the meeting; the constables came to the crossing and stood there. I went home. Next day I came and saw the door of my shop broken open and 87 pairs of shoes stolen. I complained to the constables and they said, "Go to the Bande Mataram Wallás, what can we do?"

## 98. SURENDRA NATH GHOSH on solemn affirmation—

I live at 18-1, Baghbazar Street, Sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday at 9 P.M., when I was going to close my shop about 50 gundas came. There were 10 or 12 constables in front; they looted my shop and cashbox containing Rs. 50-60 was taken away, also sweets and thalis. Constables, came and I complained. They said, "Cry out Bande Mataram, what could we do?" And they picked up my broken cashbox. I reported before Mr. Collin.

## 99. GANENDRA NATH DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 18, Chasadhabapara Street. I am employed at the firm of Messrs. D. Gupta and Co.

On Wednesday at 9 P.M., I heard a *hulla*. After closing the shop window and keeping the door open, I was standing in front. When I saw a crowd of constables coming running, crying "Beat, Beat." I saw them beating people. I closed the main door. Lights were burning within. They struck against the door. A constable put out the gate light, smashed the art glass dome. I disconnected the electric connection.

## 100. BEPIN VEHARI MULLICK on solemn affirmation—

I live at 2-2, Bagbazar Street, Miscellaneous shop.

On Thursday at about 9 P.M., when I was closing my shop on hearing a *golmal* 5 or 7 gundas came and struck against the mat-door and began to loot my shop. Then I was struck on the right shoulder scapula, (shows marks there and on the right hand). Two minutes after 7 constables and one Jamadar came and I complained to them, but they did not mind my complaint. I went to Mr. Collin's enquiry. I waited there for the whole day, but was not examined, so I came away.

## 101. NARENDR A NATH GHOSE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 2-1, Beadon Street, sweetmeat shop. I work in Jatindra Ghose's shop.

On Thursday at 7-30 P.M., while I was preparing sweets about 40 people consisting of gundas, Indian constables and 4 European sergeants came up. 2 European Sergeants came up to the shop, assaulted the servant and threw away the sweets. The sahibs ate up the *rabri* (pudding), the constables took away sweets, etc. The cashbox containing Rs. 11 was taken away. I went to Mr. Collin's enquiry but was not called.

## 102. NAFAR CHANDRA DAS SEN on solemn affirmation—

I live at 7, Bagbazar Street. I have a *Miscellaneous shop*.

On Thursday at 8 p.m., when closing my shop some 5 constables and several *gundas* came up and *looted* the shop and struck me on the left arm. The cash box containing Rs. 10 as well as some articles taken away. I went to Mr. Collin but was not called.

## 103. JUGAL KISHORE DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 65-1, Ahiritollah Street.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m., just after entering Beadon Square I saw there was a *golmal*. As I ran away a constable beat me on the right arm, (shows scar and swelling).

## 104. BEPIN VEHARI SHAH on solemn affirmation—

I live at 1, Tilak Dutt's Lane, Chorbagan.

On Wednesday, I was coming back from shopping in Beadon Street, when a constable asked me, whether I was a Bengalee, I said 'yes.' He said, "Beat the *Sala*, beat all the Bengalees." I was beaten on the back, chin, right elbow, both knees, (shows marks in all the places). 20 constables struck me. I can identify the first constable who seized me, even if he is mixed up with 50 constables. I saw that man sitting on the road side 4 days after, I asked him, why he beat me. He said 'Let that go, excuse me.' I had some small cash in my waist cloth which was robbed. They snatched my shoes.

## 105. PURNA CHANDRA GHOSH on solemn affirmation—

I live at 57, Mathaghosa Gulee, Sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday at 10-30 p.m., a gentleman was struck in front of my shop by a constable with a *lathie*. A boy with the constable wanted to take sweets from my shop. We protested and then 15 or 16 constables came up and ate my sweets, took away all the *thalis*. My loss would be Rs. 20.

## 106. SANTOSH KUMAR MITRA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 8-1, Bhagawan Banerjee's Lane.

On Thursday at about 8-15 p.m., I was passing along Beadon Street. When near the Post Office 7 or 8 constables suddenly came up and without rhyme or reason struck me severely. There was no lights, so they struck a light to see whether the *maduli* in my neck was of gold. Finding it not to be so, they snatched away Rs. 11, (shows mark on right arm).

## 107. RAJANI KANTO ROY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 1, Rajkristo's Lane, Beadon Street. I am a clerk in the employ of Moharaja Sir J. M. Tagore., K.C.S.I.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., I was passing by Beadon Square, when I saw a meeting going on. 5 minutes after my going up there, there was a beating. Constables entered the Square and assaulted every one they met. One constable struck me on the left leg.

## Fourth Day's Proceedings.

22nd October 1907.

From 1 P.M.—4.30 P.M.

### 108. GANENDRA MONUN GHOSH on solemn affirmation—

I live 6-8-1, Chowdhury's Lane, Shambazar. I am Correspondence Clerk, Municipal Office.

On Wednesday, the 2nd October at 9-30 P.M., I was travelling in a Belgachia tram car, when near Natunbazar, people from the road warned us not to proceed. Some passengers got down, I did not. Those coming down were severely assaulted by policemen in uniform. When the car reached Beadon Street crossing, I found a constable attacking a man. I advised the man to come into the car. Then a constable struck me on the left leg, (shows swelling on the left ankle). Then the same constable struck me on my left shoulder. Then the car proceeded. The conductor of the car sympathised with me but did not remonstrate with the assailants.

### 109. SOSI BHUSAN DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 97, Upper Chitpore Road, Tailor's shop.

On Wednesday 2nd October at 8-30 P.M., I was about to leave my shop after closing it, when a tram car came up full of *paharawallahs*. They got down and beat those who were near the place, just south of Beadon Square. I was given a stroke on left leg.

On Thursday, 3rd October, I closed shop at 7 P.M., and went home where I received information that my shop was *looted*. I came back at 11 P.M., and found doors broken and articles strewn and cashbox containing Rs. 150 gone, also shirts, etc., worth Rs. 250. I found some Sergeants passing by. I did not go to the Police or Mr. Collin's enquiry, for I thought it of no use, as I won't get any compensation.

### 110. HARIDAS DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 104, Masjidpara Street. I have a cloth shop at Burrabazar, 21, Monohar Das's Street.

On Thursday at 9-45 P.M., I was coming back from Burrabazar, when near Notunbazar, I heard a *golmal* and by a circuitous route got to Beadon Street. When near Chaitanya Library, I found 10 or 12 constables and about 50 *dhangars*. Some *dhangars* from behind snatched my chudder, as I turned round my umbrella was taken away and many *dhangars* assaulted me, (shows scar mark on forehead and torn shirt and tattered cloth—torn to rags and all besmeared with blood). I had Rs. 500 in my hand in ten-rupee notes from my shop and two pennyfrocks. They were taken away by the *dhangars*. One of the constables, before the assault pointed me out, saying, "There is a man going." I did not inform the police

as *paharawallas* gave the order to beat me. The constables were 10 cubits apart from me. The notes were wrapped up in a paper in my hand. They were the proceeds of that day's sale.

**111. NARENDRANATH SETT on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 78, Beadon Street, Vakil, High Court.

On Wednesday at 10-30 P.M., some people asked me to get down near Jorasanko corner as *marpit* was going on, it was alleged, further north. I proceeded through Balaram Dey's Street and at Rambagan Lane crossing, I saw a gentleman coming all besmeared with blood. He told me that he was perhaps the first man assaulted at the meeting by the police. I asked him what the reason was. He said that he could not give any particular reason but that a young speaker was saying something at which the Inspector, who was taking down notes, said he, must stop that sort of speech after which there was a *golmal* and he was beaten.

On Thursday at dusk, I was at Lalbazar crossing waiting for a tram car. Suddenly I saw, all electric lights of the Lalbazar Police Station put out and I saw native policemen in uniform without belts and trousers coming out with *lathies*. I saw them coming towards Chitpore Road north. They came running. I got down from a car near Cornwallis Square. At Kasi Ghose's Lane junction, people asked me not to proceed further along Beadon Street. I proceeded and reached home. After 5 minutes I saw a batch of constables making a rush towards Zariff's Lane which is just beside my house. In that lane they assaulted a youngman, whom I know by sight. Half an hour afterwards they made a third attempt to rush into that lane. About a dozen Indian constables with 4 or 5 European Sergeants ran through the lane shouting out 'maro, maro.' Half an hour after the gas light in front of my house was broken by bricks —by whom I can't say. I heard some constables say that it was dark, there and so it was not safe to go there.

**112. GAJENDRANATH BOSE on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 161, Balaram Dey's Street, Clerk, Ghose Bros. and Co.

On Wednesday at 9-30 P.M., I was coming on foot from Burrabazar. When near Jorasanko corner, about 20 or 25 constables in full uniform assaulted me with sticks in two places on head and back, (shows scar on head, one not yet healed and complains of pain on sides). I was under medical treatment for 8 days and was unable to work. I had one rupee change in my pocket, out of which, annas 14-3, was snatched away when I was unconscious. I was helped by a passer-by and took shelter in Baburam's shop, where there were 3 or 4 others in similar condition.

**113. JOGONNATH AGNIHOTRI on solemn affirmation—**

I am a native of Cawnpore. I am employed as a cook of S. C. Biswas, Esq., Bar-at-law, Beadon Street.

Early Friday morning, at about 5 A.M., I was going to bathe in the Ganges, when I found 50 or 60 constables with *lathies* sitting, lying, etc., at Beadon Square crossing with European Sergeants. Constables challenged me, I said, I was a poor Brahmin. I was struck by several constables,

(big scar and red mark on right leg). I fell down. For 12 days, the leg was much swollen. Those constables standing all ran to beat me, those lying down did not come up. I am under treatment of Dr. M. Bannerji. My age is 50 years. I said I was not a Bengalee and was going with flowers to perform Tarpan. They did not speak much, but assaulted me (still walking with difficulty).

**114. SHAIK NASARUDDIN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 151, Baranasee Ghose's Street. I wash shawl.

On Wednesday at 9-30 p.m., I was cooking food in my shop, when 2 constables out of many, got upon the verandah of my shop and struck me with *lathies* on the right shoulder, (shows mark). We then ran inside the shop. My pots were broken. I can't say whether they knew me to be a Mahomedan. I had no *topee* on.

**115. RAJANI KANTO KAR on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 1, Charakdanga Street. I have a Plantain shop.

On Thursday at 7-30 p.m., I was coming from Burrabazar, when I sat down for urinating I found some men being chased by constables and one European Sergeant. I was at once arrested as those chased could not be arrested. I said that my shop was in front. Whereupon the constables struck me on the chest, (6" scar on chest). Another constable struck me on the forehead, (shows mark). I was taken to a grog shop beside the Notunbazar where 42 people were kept in custody. Then we were taken to the Jorasanko Thana. On Friday at 9 p.m., I was released on bail of Rs. 100. We were locked up in a small room. On Saturday, I was placed before the Commissioner who asked me to appear on Monday to stand my trial. I am enlarged on bail of Rs. 300 and the 24th instant was fixed for hearing the case on a charge under section 143 and 147 I.P. Code. I showed my marks to the Inspector.

**116. MAHADEV PAL on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 182-1, Upper Circular Road. I have a Grocer's shop.

On Thursday at about 8 p.m., some *gundas* and 8 or 10 constables came shouting "Beat, kill" and threw away my mat-doors and scattered the articles. Several people removed rice from the shop and filled their baskets and bags with flour, sugar, spices, etc. This loss amounts to about Rs. 200 and cash Rs. 434 also was taken away from a box. I deposed before Mr. Collin to the same effect. We then concealed ourselves behind rice bags. Police helped the *looting* on entering the shop. At 1-30 A.M., only *gundas*—about 35 men—*dhangars* and low class Mahomedans of *Nikaripara*, came near our shop. I can recognise them if I see, but cannot recognise the constables. The *gundas* again *looted* the shop. I then went to the Shampukur Thana but they did not record anything that night. Next day morning I went at 7 A.M. I had to wait till 12 noon, as there were others. My statement was recorded not in a book but in a piece of paper. They did not investigate. I went to Mr. Collin's enquiry and deposed to the same effect.

## 117. RADHA GOVINDA DEY on solemn affirmation—

I live at 281, Upper Chitpore Road. Picture shop.

On Thursday at 7-30 p.m., I got some information and closed my shop. I was going through Darmapatti when some constables came from behind and obstructed me I protested and said I had a picture shop near by. They were 20 in number, in uniform. Four strokes fell on me, then another four strokes. A *Jamadar* said "He is a picture-seller, don't beat him." I knew that *Jamadar* from before. I can recognise him. The 20 constables were with that *Jamadar* who belong to Hat Khola. I missed Rs. 2-8 which I had with me.

## 118. TULSEY DAS MOZUMDAR on solemn affirmation—

I live at 7, Modon Chatterjee's Lane. I am a Musician at Maharaja Sir J. M. Tagore's house.

At 9-30 p.m. on Wednesday I was going home when I was asked to go not by direct roads but by narrow lanes. As I was crossing Sikdarpara Lane I was struck by a constable in uniform with a *lathie* (shows a scar on the head). Dr. A. T. Mukerjee attended me for 8 days. I was incapacitated during that period. I did not go to Mr. Collin out of fear.

## 119. ASHUTOSH CHATTERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 124-1, Maniktollah Street. I am Proprietor of "Santipur Fine Cloth Manufactory."

On Thursday 3rd October I was going to Sovabazar after dusk. I passed the crossing. There was no disturbance then. On my way back, 10 minutes after, I found a large number (20 or 30) of constables. Some one from the road cried out "One Bengalee *Sala* going." One constable beat me on the head (shows scar, 2" long) I got another stroke on the head from the same man (shows another scar  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long not healed up—the former on the right side and the latter on the left). Then 7 or 8 *grundas* with small *lathies* surrounded me and struck me (shows wound on right upper arm). A new silk chaddar was snatched away from my persons by the *grundas*. I was made naked and the wearing cloth was taken away. I went to a neighbour Troylokya Nath Roy Chowdhury of 55, Sovabazar Street who gave me a cloth. I sent information to the Thana, I could not go owing to profuse bleeding. I was sent by my friends to Butto Kristo Pal's dispensary. The wounds were dressed there I was bedridden for 8 days. My loss amounts to Rs. 500.

(This witness said at the beginning that he was afraid to depose as he did not inform the police at the time and many people told him that he would fall into difficulties if he came before us. We assured him that he had no anxiety on that account).

## 120. CHARU CHANDRA GANGULI on solemn affirmation—

I live at 30, Hazra Road, Bhowanipore. I have a Biscuit-shop at Canning Street.

On Wednesday at 9 p.m., I was coming to Grey Street and after passing the Mullick's lodge near Notunbazar I saw 5 or 6 Bengalees

escaping into a lane. Immediately after I found several people were running chased by 20 or 25 constables. Those men were crying out that constables were beating people in the Beadon Square. I got on the ledge of a grog-shop, 5 or 6 constables passed by me. Then one constable said "you *Sala*" and gave me a thrust on the chest (complains of pain in the chest still). Another constable dealt a blow on the left knee (shows swelling and mark). I protected the part with an umbrella which broke. I entered a basket shop where I became senseless. I then came to Notun bazar where a man helped me and nursed me. Some gentlemen helped me to Grey Street in a carriage by a circuitious route.

121. BHUBAN MOHAN GHOSH on solemn affirmation—

My age is 70 and I live at 11-2, Ramchandra Maitra's Lane, Combuliatollah.

On Wednesday, after midnight, I was coming home and when near Burtollah, Chitpore Road, some 20 constables were coming from the north; one constable with full uniform aimed a blow at my head. I tried to ward off when it fell on my left upper arm and fractured it. All the constables ran away—I fell down. I was proceeding alone—did not speak a word to the constables. That night I went to the Medical College Hospital where my arm was bandaged. I am still an outdoor patient there. (Hand still in splints and bandaged, can't move it or work).

(This witness is very old, with all hairs grey and left hand in a sling. Very thin and emaciated). My number in the Chunilall Seal's dispensary is 1896.

122. JADU NATH UKIL on solemn affirmation—

I live at 54, Nimtollah Street.

I am a *Kaviraj*. Wednesday, at 10-30 P.M., I was returning from *Kaviraj Nagendranath Sen's Dispensary*, through Notunbazar. When I came to my Dispensary at 54, Nimtollah Street and rapped against the door, some boys and 2 constables came and struck me on the shoulder. I turned round, when some 25 constables came up in uniform and mercilessly beat me. I fell down and was still beaten, my umbrella, shoe, *chaddar*, wearing cloth (making me naked), Rs. 6-6-9 in cash and a book were taken away from me, while I was beaten. I can't say who took these away as the constables by beating made me unconscious. I am incapacitated from work till now (shows black marks all over the back, 10 or 12). Because of the beating blood comes out of my mouth when I cough. I had not that disease before.

123. NAGENDRANATH SETT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 56, Rotan Sircar's Garden Street—(Sweetmeat shop).

On Thursday, 10-30 P.M., when constables were returning to the thana from duty, 15 of 16 constables in full uniform and with *lathies*, came to my shop and struck a customer and then looted the shop of all sweets. My loss amounts to about Rs. 15. The *Jemadar* of Jorabagan Thana was



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with the constables. He also took away the articles. I can recognise him. I knew him from before. Those constables also robbed a neighbouring woman's shop of pudding and *Sandesh*.

124. JADUB KRISHNA BANNERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 78, Raja Rajballav Street, merchant.

On Thursday, at 6 p.m., I was in the Beadon Square. At about candlelight I got out of the Park. I saw 3 dozen constables near "Pal Friends" shop and quarrelling with them. They said they never stoned the constables. Just then, the constables all at once began beating indiscriminately especially Bengalis from the Nimtollah Ghat Street. As I was about to enter the road, a constable came to beat me, I held his *lathie*. Other constables gave me pushes and some one snatched away my silk *chaddar*. One stroke fell on my right arm which I received in warding off the blow aimed at the head, I had pain in hand for 3 or 4 days. Near Grey Street I saw Babu Soshi Bhushan Soor, son of Peary Mohan Soor of Duff's Street, assaulted. He was bleeding profusely. I helped him to Behary Pal's house. Behary Pal is an interpreter of the High Court.

125. MOHESH CHANDRA BYSACK on solemn affirmation—

I live at 24, Grey Street. (Podder Shop).

On Thursday, at 9 p.m., I came back to my shop when I found 4 constables and 150 low class coolies were going out of my shop. I found articles scattered about and my man Behary Lall Das told me that articles were taken away.

126. BEHARILAL DAS BAIRAGI on solemn affirmation—

I am a friend of the last witness. I was at his shop when it was looted. At 9 p.m., I heard sound of "*mar, mar*" and shut the door and remained inside. 4 constables and 40 or 50 coolies struck against the door, abused us and broke open the door. 4 constables remained outside in front of the shop and in view, ordering the coolies "Beat the *Sala Bengalis*." 10 or 15 coolies entered and took away 3 boxes containing silver ornaments and instruments and dice and mould. We ran inside and saw from within. We could not interfere as Police ordered the loot. The loss was Rs. 400.

127. GIRI BHUSAN MUKERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 32, Sibtollah Street.

I am a *sebait* of an idol in the place. I came to Notun bazar on Wednesday at 8-30 p.m., to purchase *Sandesh*, 2 or 3 constables came, stripped me naked and took away my cloth and *chaddar* and Rs. 2-10-6 in cash and struck me on the right hand. (Shows swelling on the right hand) and pushed me down. This *chaddar* (shows) was given to me by a gentleman and wearing it I went away.

## 128. PREONATH DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at 32, Garanhatta Street.

On Friday morning at 6 A.M., I went to fetch a *coolie* from the Garanhatta crossing, when 3 constables struck me on the hip, left hand and right wrist—(shows marks on these 3 places). Then a Jemadar there asked them not to beat, yet I was beaten by the 3 constables in three places.

## 129. Taken on Commission by Hon'ble RADHA CHARAN PAL at witness's house at 2-30 P.M.—

**ADHAR CHANDRA DAS,**

I have got a meat shop at Shambazar crossing.

On Friday at 1 P.M., I was coming home after making some purchases. A constable struck me with *lathie* on my left hand. He again aimed a blow at my hand. I tried to ward it off when the blow fell on my right hand which was fractured. The finger was amputated yesterday. Since the assault I am lying bedridden. (Right hand bandaged). I knew the constable who struck me. He is attached to the Shampukur Thana. I gave no provocation to the constable. I am aged 65. (Scarcely able to speak, every possibility of getting Tetanus).

## 130. GOUR HARI SEN, Secretary Chaitanya Library on solemn affirmation—

I live at 85-1, Beadon Square.

(Taken at his house on commission by the Hon'ble R. C. Pal,)—

On Thursday, about an hour after candle-light some people near the sweetmeat shop, next door, cried "The military are coming" (on seeing some European Sergenats). Within a few seconds several European Sergeants, about 30 in number, and as many constables charged the crowd in front of my house up to the Minerva Theatre. The Sergeants were there only for a few minutes. About 25 or 30 constables were left under the verandah of the Chaitanya Library just in front of my verandah. Within a minute or two after the Sergeants left, I found a constable picking up something and a brick was thrown breaking the railing of my second storey verandah. A few minutes after brickbats were again thrown and glass panes were broken. Several people were beaten in front of my hause by some upcountry *goondas* who lookeed very much like constables without uniforms. All this happened within view of the constables who took no notice of it. I distinctly saw the first brick was thrown by a constable.

I complained to Superintendent Aldridge who saw me on the 15th October. He said he had punished the delinquent *paharawallas*. One man was made naked and he ran by Ramcharan Ghose's Lane. I saw constables beating the passers-by. The beating was began by the *goondas* and in one case a constable gave ready help to the *goondas*.

## 131. RASH BEHARY BHADURI on solemn affirmation—

Age 72. I have a shop at 97, Upper Chitpore Road.

On Wednesday, at 8 or 9 A.M. my next door was broken into, and then 4 or 5 constables broke my door in the presence of a European Sergeant



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who was looking on. The Sergeant and the constables entered my shop and got on to the second storey where also my shop-articles are kept. The Saheb tore away the beddings and mats and scattered them on the floor. The Sergeant looked at the articles with a light and then the constables broke them all with *lathies*. I was not beaten. I may recognise the European Sergeant.

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132. TARAPROSANNA BOSE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 52, Sukea's Street Record keeper, Turner, Morrison and Co.

On Friday, at 5-45 A.M., I wase going to bathe in the Ganges with 2 others. When coming to Beadon Square we found a man with injuries on his person. Then we found 10 constables and 6 European Sergeants coming towards us. The Sergeants passed by and the constables struck me on the left leg (shows mark) and then as I fell down again on left leg (still bandaged and much pain). They struck me on the waist. My *chaddar* was taken away, though we pleaded for mercy, saying we are poor men going to bathe. The Sergeants were 10 paces off and could see the beat-ing. They did not interfere.

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From 12-30 P.M. to 5-30 P.M.

133. BHUJANGA BHUSAN BOSE SARBADHICARY on solemn affirmation—  
Landholder, lives at 35-1, Raja Nabokissen Street. Grandson of Kumar Mohendranath Deb, son of Sir Raja R. K. Deb K.C.S.I.

This witness says he is so weak that he can't speak loudly—"I am still very weak, I have brought my statement in writing, but still my eyes are dizzy and I can't read. I sent a statement to Mr. Weston" (shows a scar 5" long in the left hand—two big scar marks on the back). Head is still bandaged—wound there still fresh. Scar below the right eye. Other marks have disappeared.

"I was beaten all over the body. Dr. Bejoy Mukerjee treated me before. Still a compounder dresses my wounds. On the afternoon of the 3rd instant I left my house for Burrabazar for Durga puja purchases. I had with me my youngest brother Radha Ballab aged 13 years. We were returning home in a Belgachia Car at 8-15 P.M., after the purchase to the value of Rs. 30. I had with me Rs. 20 in my waist cloth. At Grey Street junction a crowd among whom I found, many *paharawallas* with *lathies* stopped the car. Everyone began to run away. Every one was assaulted. I was defending my younger brother and myself. Constables with uniform were beating me. This I saw distinctly. I became unconscious; then I found all my articles and cash taken away by constables and the crowd. My clothes were besmeared with blood. I took refuge with my brother in Grey Street in the house of Babu Radhika Lal Roy, zemindar. There I fell in a swoon. On regaining my senses I found I was carried inside the house. My brother got only a few scratches and doctor was called and he dressed my wounds. Then I was carried by my men in a palanquin. I was bedridden for 12 days. I walk with difficulty by the help of a stick. Hon'ble B. N. Bose came to my house on the 4th October for an enquiry. I could not depose before Mr. Collin as I was then bedridden. I did not appear before Mr. Weston as I was physically unfit. I have come here as the place is very near my house—2 or 3 minutes walk. I have come here with the help of a relation of mine. I sent a statement to Mr. Weston.

134. BENODINI BEWA on solemn affirmation—

Prostitute. I am a tenant in the house of Bindu Bewa, who deposed before this commission before.

On Thursday at 8-30 P.M., when looting was going on in Bepin's shop I was looking on from the door of my house, some constables and *gundas* struck against another house and constables told them to attack our house and not the other. There were 3 men in the house who closed the door, but the door was broken open and *gundas* entered our house. I ran away from behind the house. My room was open. My *deraj* was broken open Rs. 11, silver *beecha* (waist chain)

and one pair armlet (6 *varis*) and some utensils were taken away. I could hear the sound of the breaking from the place where I hid myself near a drain. I could not approach through fear. Bindu's articles were taken away. Her room was broken open and ornaments were taken away from her person. Except Bindu who shut herself in her room all of the house ran away.

135. AKHIL CHANDRA CHATTEDJEE B.A., C E., (Cal.) on solemn affirmation—

I live at 97, Cornwallis Street. I am an engineer. I have passed the C. E. Examination from the Roorkee C. E. College.

On Thursday at 9 p.m., I was coming home by a down Shambazar car. When the car reached Burtolla Thana, about 6 men with *lathies* got into the car. There was a *golmal* and two other passengers ran away. I was alone. These six men came 4 with naked bodies and two with banyans on and all with regulation *lathies*. (The taller 2 appeared to me to be constables, as they got on from opposite the thana and they came from near 4 other *paharawallas* who were with regulation *lathies* near the gate). Three got down and went towards the 2nd class car. I removed myself towards the railings. The three men left with me began to assault me with *lathie*. 20 or 25 strokes fell on me. I had a cane with me with which I warded off the blows, and the *lathis* fell on my hand and other parts of the body. Some people from behind were dragging me by my shirt. The car was then very slowly moving on. The assault took place 15 yards from the thana gate. (Marks on all fingers of the right hand—swelling still exists, black mark on the left wrist). One man cried out asking others to see whether I had anything with me. The man who seemed to be a constable caught hold of my hand and snatched away a purse containing Rs. 2-8 and a handkerchief from my breast pocket. I asked them why I was further assaulted as everything I had was taken away. There were some 10 or 12 men in the trailer, where also a *golmal* was going on. The men went towards that car snatching away my stick. The men who were pulling by shirt from behind tore my shirt, attempted to take my wearing cloth but failed. I saw one man (a Bengalee) from the trailer car dragged down, felled on the footpath and mercilessly beaten. The car proceeded and I went along with it. I deposed to Mr. Collin to the same effect, but he did not record all I said, though I protested. He said it was his business to record, and mine to make a statement.

136. SASHI BHUSAN SOOR, B.A., on solemn affirmation—

I live at 14-1, Duff Street. Landholder and tradesman. I was a Municipal Commissioner for 8 years of the Manicktola Municipality.

On Thursday, 3rd October at 7-15 P.M., I was coming by Belgachia car, a European was in the car (I believe, it was the gentleman who wrote in the "Englishman"). Near Beneatollah, bricks were thrown at the car. When near Grey Street crossing a crowd of 6 constables in uniform and several up-country men (who appeared to be constables not in uniform) began to strike the passengers whom they dragged down. The constables broke the electric lights of the car. This I saw distinctly. The men snatched away my *chudder*, stick, and handkerchief in the presence of the

constables. I concealed myself beside the driver for some time, but the driver asked me to shift, otherwise I would be beaten. One significant fact I noticed, was, the driver was not assaulted. I got down on the Chitpore Road. I was assaulted on the car in ten places, (marks disappear except one on the forehead and one on left leg, shows). I got down bleeding. Some Mahomedan *durjees* sheltered me, and gave me a *punkha*. I found Jadab Krishna Banerjee passing by and I appealed to him for help. He took me to Babu Beharilall Pal's house (Interpreter High Court). From there, I went in a doctor's carriage to my house. Rs. 920 in my waist were saved. (Rs. 870 in small notes and Rs. 50 in one note), as they were secure in my waist cloth. I wanted to go to Mr. Collin but the enquiry was finished very early, so I did not go.

**137. AMBIKA CHARAN MOJUMDAR, L.M.S., on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 64, Sheekdarbagan Street.

I am a medical practitioner, L.M.S., of the Calcutta University.

On Friday morning at 10 A.M., I was going with a pleader friend along Shambazar Street to see what was going about. I had a stick in my hand. When returning and midway between Shambazar crossing and Sheekdarbagan crossing, I saw a band of policemen 15 or 16 in uniform with a *jamadar* were going towards Shambazar crossing. Then they moved towards us, Babu Bhupendra Nath Sen, an Attorney, and myself. *The jamadar muttered something. One policeman caught hold of my stick.* I refused to part with it. The *jamadar* (who is a tall, fat man, whom I can identify and who, on an enquiry, I came to know, belong to the Shampooor Thana) said “ছোড় ওয়ার” (part with it, you pig). Then the *jamadar* struck on my right forearm. It was swollen at that time. I left my stick and came away. I had pain for about ten days. I did not go to Mr. Collin or Mr. Weston as I was convinced that no steps would be taken against the police.

**138. CHAITANYA CHARAN SHAU on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 25, Raja Nobokrishna Street. (I have a *Jalpan* shop).

I am an Uriya.

On Thursday, 2nd day of occurrence, at 8 P.M., I was putting down mat-door, when I found 2 constables standing near the shop. Then 200 peoples, *dhagars*, etc., came, pushed me, and I was struck on the hand, (shows 2 marks on right hand finger). The *dhagars* threw away the *jalpan* and carried away sale proceeds Rs. 2.

**139. HIRALAL DALAL on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 137, Puddonath's Lane, *Bustee*, Sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday, at 7.30 P.M., I got information of *looting* going on. I closed the shop partially. When 50 low-class men, who seemed to be *dhagars* came and were about to beat, when I ran away. I stood near the oven, some were carrying away articles, others tying them in their

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cloths. 8 or 10 constables passed my shop, 15 minutes before the occurrence took place. Rs. 8 or 10, sale-proceeds, and Rs. 4 which I had, were taken away, as also some *thalis*. All articles except the weights were taken away. (This witness was deposing in a faltering voice).

**140. RAMMAN on solemn affirmation—**

I have a sweetmeat shop on Cornwallis Street. I am an inhabitant of the Gya District.

On Thursday, at about 8 p.m., about 100 coolies came to my shop, entered and took away *thalis* (dishes), one *kara* (pan), and Rs. 30 from my small box. I was very much afraid and ran away—did not notice whether constables were there.

**141. GOLAP on solemn affirmation—**

A woman of the town. Tenant in Bindu's house.

On Thursday, at about 8-30 p.m., a window was broken down by some up-country men. I ran away and hid myself near a drain. These men entered my room and carried away my utensils and Rs. 4 in cash. They had big regulation *lathies* in their hands. Bindu was in the house.

**142. LAKSHMY on solemn affirmation—**

A woman of the town. Tenant in Bindu's house.

On Thursday, at about 8-30 p.m., some utensils were taken away from my room, which was broken open. Before and after the occurrence, I saw policemen leading the crowd. I heard the constables asking the crowd to attack our house and not Gannoda's which is our neighbouring house.

**143. PROMOTHO NATH MUKERJEE on solemn affirmation—**

I have a cloth shop at 93, Cornwallis Street.

On Thursday, at about 8 p.m., I got some information and closed one door and put out one light, when six constables in full uniform ran towards Shambazar crossing. Then about 250 low-class people came up and one of them snatched away a *lathi* and an umbrella from one who was at the door of my shop. That man came inside my shop and I closed the door. Then the crowd looted a grocer's shop in front of my shop. I managed to padlock my shop from outside. A gentleman who was passing by was assaulted by one of the 6 constables who stood and were on guard in front of Farriapookoor. I then went to 85, Cornwallis Street. There I found Babu Girindra Nath Bannerjee, B.L., Pleader of Sealdah Court. He was robbed of all his clothes and was covering himself in a rag.

**144. GIRINDRA NATH BANNERJEE, B.L., on solemn affirmation—**

I am a Pleader, Judge's Court, Alipore, practising at Sealdah. I live at 35, Bonomalli Chatterji's Street, Tallah.

On Thursday, 3rd October at 8 p.m., I was travelling in a up Sham-

bazar car. When that car came near Babu Hirendra Nath Dutt's house, it stopped. I got down and was thinking whether I would proceed as I heard that a *golmal* was going on further up. I found a *halla* coming on. There were several constables, more than a dozen in number, followed by a gang of low-class up-country men, coming out of Grey Street and running towards Shambazar. Several ran away, I got into the car, when the *halla* came up a constable said—"Here is a Bengali." When 7 or 8 low-class men dragged me out of the car. I was roughly handled. They snatched away my silk *chaddar* and Rs. 13 or 14 in cash. They tore into pieces my wearing cloth. One man said "don't beat him much—he is very weak." My fingers were twisted. One constable asked me whether I was a *Swadeshi* or a *Bideshi*. In terror I said I was a *Bilati*. I was pushed towards Grey Street. I took shelter in Khetu Guha's house. Where I covered myself with a rag, which was a torn piece of my own cloth.

145. ASHUTOSH MITTER on solemn affirmation—

I live at 4, Nayratna's Lane. Clerk, Balmer Lawrie and Co.

On 3rd October Thursday, at 9-15 P.M., I was reading a newspaper in 97, Cornwallis Street, when I heard a *golmal* and 3 or 4 gentlemen ran into the house to take shelter. They said they were beaten. I came out. 5 or 6 minutes after I found a grocer's shop at the crossing of Bolaram Ghose's Street was looted by low-class people. 5 or 6 constables with uniform and *lathies* looking on, not interfering.

146. ARUN CHANDRA CHATTERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 97, Cornwallis Street.

I am a contractor. On Thursday, at 5 P.M., I came out to catch a tram, when people asked me not to board a Chitpore Car as constables were beating people at Chitpore. I went home. Ashu Babu and I were sitting together, when one gentleman ran into my house. Then my brother and servant entered into the house and were closing the door. I saw from a window an up-countryman beating a Bengali gentleman. The assailant at once went away by a passing tram. The gentleman was robbed of his silk *chaddar* and purse. Then I found 6 constables leading a gang of *dhangars* and low-class men, came in front of my house. The constables ordered "Loot all the shops and beat Bengali *Salas*.". A grocer's shop at the crossing of Bolaram Ghose's Street and a *pan* shop were looted. I went up and saw from verandah, the constables were accompanying *dhangars* who carried a box. The box was broken in front of my house by the *goondas* and the constables and the rupees, pices and G. C. notes were divided among the constables and the *goondas*. After that constables said "let us proceed up to loot other shops, no use waiting here any more."

147. BHUTNATH BANERJEE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 31, Furriapooker Street. I have got an *arath* at Belgatchia.

On Thursday at 9-15 P.M., I was coming home on foot and saw some *goondas* looting a cloth shop at Shambazar crossing, and some constables standing there, looking on. Seeing this I retired and did not proceed.

**148. BHUPENDRA NATH SEN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 19, Shikdarpara Street. I passed Intermediate Examination for Attorneyship.

On Thursday I saw looting going on near the Grey Street crossing and people were assaulted by *goondas*.

On Friday at 10 A.M., I was going on with Dr. Ambika Charan Majumdar towards Shambazar to see what was going on. I saw constables going towards Shambazar. They muttered something and a constable caught hold of the doctor's stick, and then a *jemadar* (attached to the Shampooer Thana whom I know as I see him very often) said, "Let go, you pig," and struck on the doctor's arm. Then I found these constables chasing people and striking them indiscriminately. This I saw with my own eyes.

**149. KHIRODE B. HALDAR on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 97-1, Cornwallis Street. I am a landholder.

On Thursday at 8-30 P.M., I was on my verandah in the second storey. I saw a *golmal* and some constables passing by hurriedly. Soon after, I heard *lathie* blows dealt towards Bolaram Ghose's Street and low-class people making a *golmal*. The *dhangars* in front of my house asked a conductor of a passing car if there were Bengalis. The car drove on fastly. Then a box was broken in front of my house by *dhangars* and the contents taken away.

**150. GOPINATH CHAKRAVARTTY on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 17, Gopimohan Datta's Lane. Landholder.

On Friday at 10 A.M., I was standing on the road and found constables, some in uniform and others without uniform, chasing Bengalis. Prokas Chandra, who was with me, was assaulted by 5 or 6 constables and a *jemadar* was with them. I protested and was struck on the left hand (shows marks on hand and shoulder). I know that *jemadar* of the Shampooer Thana (fat and fair) from before. I can identify him:

**151. PROKAS CHANDRA GHOSH on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 11-1, Gopimohan Datta's Lane. I am a 2nd year student, Metropolitan Institution.

On Friday morning at 10 A.M., I was at the head of our lane. Gopinath was there. 8 or 10 constables and a *jemadar*, whom I can recognise, came up and began to beat me. 3 or 4 constables struck me, Gopinath protested. Constables left me and I was struck (shows mark on left upper arm).

**152. CHARU CHANDRA DAS on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 33, Garanhatta Street. Typist, McIntosh Burn & Co.

On Thursday evening when coming home by tram I was warned near Notunbazar: some passengers left the tram and so did I. When I was coming on foot I found some European Sergeants standing near a

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grog shop. I saw the European constables run towards Beadon Square. Then I found 2 or 3 hundred constables not in uniform with 2 or 3 Sergeants coming on. The constables said 'Here is a Bengalee.' I said 'I know nothing.' Then some constables and low-class men assaulted me. One man poked a bamboo at my back and snatched away my watch. There was a knife in my pocket which they attempted to take away but did not succeed. Then I was given some blows, pushed, and left.

153. SURENDRANATH SADHU on solemn affirmation—

I live at 133, Cornwallis Street. I have a grocer's shop.

On Thursday at about 8-15 P.M., as my shop was about to be closed, about 20 or 40 low-class people struck against the door. Some constables were at a distance of a *rashi* from there. Canisters of ghee, Rs. 125, were taken away. Loss Rs. 300, I was struck one blow as I tried to save an iron-safe.

154. BEPIN CHANDRA GHOSE on solemn affirmation—

I live at 81, Sikdarpara Street. I have a sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday at about 8 P.M., 8 or 10 constables went on saying 'close the shops.' I was closing the shop, when several low-class men came, and without looting an up-countryman's shop, looted mine saying 'This is a Bengali shop.' About Rs. 8 were taken away. I complained to Police but they did not investigate, saying, they would do so if I could find where my articles were taken away. My shop lamp was broken.

155. KRISHNA LALL SIRCAR on solemn affirmation—

I live at 14, Madan Roy's Lane, Simla. I am a Musician.

On Thursday at 9-30 P.M., I was coming along Beadon Street when I found some constables and low-class people standing near Minerva Theatre. There were no lamps burning. There were constables without uniform in the crowd. I was struck and my shirt was torn. I was made naked when Rs. 4 and two medals which I had with me fell down and were taken away. I got a cloth from a house near by and came home.

156. PULIN VEHARY DAS on solemn affirmation—

I live at Sikdarbagan Street. Am a Art Student.

On Thursday at 7 P.M., I was going for medicine, near Grey Street and found some constables and low-class Mahomedans assaulting people in the tram-car, constables inciting *goodnas* to attack shops.

157. BHUPENDRA KUMAR DUTT on solemn affirmation—

I live at 15-1, Bolaram Ghose's Street. Landholder—aged 48.

On Thursday at about 8-30 P.M., from my house I saw from a window 10 or 12 constables came up and stood near a *pan* shop, and then

a crowd of *gundas* came and looted a grocer's shop, opposite. The constables came along with the *gundas* and did not interfere. They then left.

**158. MOTILALL DAWN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 211, Upper Circular Road. I have a spice-shop.

On Thursday at 8 P.M., I was in the shop making up cash, partially closing shop. Police constables were standing. They were 10 or 12 in number, about 20 cubits apart. The constables directed the *gundas* to loot shops. Rs. 88-6 in cash and articles were taken away. Loss about Rs. 188-6. Then some fruits from my other shop were taken away. Haridas Dey, my servant, deposed before Mr. Collin.

**159. BEHARY LALL PAIK on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 212, Cornwallis Street. I have a rice-shop.

On Thursday at about 8.30 P.M., I closed my shop. Then about 10 constables and 20 or 25 *gundas* rushed upon one up-countryman's sweetmeat shop. They then fell upon a Bengali's sweetmeat shop and looted it. Two hours after constables and *gundas* looted Adhar Sadhukhan's shop.

**160. RAJKRISHNA DEB SARMA on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 8-1, Dawan's Lane.

Some constables were going on road. Several people were making a *golmal*. 15 or 20 constables chased them. They entered Dawan's house and ran to the Biswas's shop. One workman was making a necklace it was taken away. I was given pokes with *lathies* (shows mark on left leg) by 3 constables.

**161. SASHIBHUSAN CHAKRAVARTY on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 8-1, Dawan's Lane. I am markman, Bombay Co.

On Thursday at 10 P.M., when I was in the *poddar's* shop of Bisweswar Biswas in Durga Charan Mittra's Street. I heard a *golmal*. Some constables came, entered the house, and assaulted me. I was struck by 3 constables (shows mark on the right upper arm). One constable took away a gold necklace. One Purna Chandra Ghose was assaulted. His head was broken. One Bengal Police Sub-Inspector in plain dress was assaulted on the road. He said he was assaulted by constables.

**162. SURENDRANATH NANDI on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 115, Cornwallis Street. I have a spice-shop.

On Thursday at about 8.30 P.M., a *jamadar* ordered coolies to break open Prosanna Pal's shop. I can identify the *Jamadar*. On Friday at 10 A.M., the *jamadar* again came with 10 or 12 constables and assaulted people indiscriminately. I was sitting in my shop. The fat *jamadar* came and struck my *gomostha*. I protested and was assaulted. A constable poked me with a *lathie*. I can identify the *jamadar*. I did not complain as *Raja's* (i.e., Government) men beat us.

## 163. SATISH CHANDRA PAL on solemn affirmation—

I work in Tarini Charan Seal's Cloth shop at 143, Cornwallis Street.

On Thursday at 10 P.M., when I got down on the road from the shop 7 or 8 constables in uniform with 20 or 25 *gundas* in constables coats struck against the door. A constable struck me on the shoulder and I fell down. Adjoining Ganguli's shop was looted. I was in hospital for 4 days (shows mark on the left eye).

## 164. KEDARNATH DUTT M.B., on solemn affirmation—

I live at 9, Bolaram Ghose's Street.

On Thursday, 3rd October, at about 8 P.M. when I was sitting in my dispensary at 134, Cornwallis Street, a batch of constables about 8 in number was proceeding. One constable came to me and said "Babu shut up the dispensary and go home." I went home. Some *gundas* (10 or 12) were following almost immediately behind the constable. As I was near Hon'ble Babu B. N. Bose's house, I heard sounds of *lathie* blows, near a grocer's shop at the junction of Bolaram Ghose's Street. The gang was going towards Shambazar Street junction.

## 165. BEHARY SUKUL on solemn affirmation—

Durwan at the employ of Kumar M. N. Mitra Roy Bahadur, lives at 34, Shampooer Street.

I was at the gate. About 150 people were coming from the south. I saw one *jamadar* and 3 constables standing on the road. I saw Madho Halwai's sweetmeat shop was looted. I got orders from my master to make all my fellowmen ready. One *jamadar* and one constable chased people along Shampooer Street. The constables did not interfere when Madhu's shop was looted. I can identify the *jamadar* but not the constables.

## 166. RAMBALAK SINGH on solemn affirmation—

Darwan in the employ of Kumar M. N. Mitra Rai Bahadur.

On Thursday at about 7 P.M., I saw Madhu's sweetmeat shop and Nardo's rice shop and a milk shop looted by *gundas*. Policemen, 4 or 5 in number, moved 3 yards off when the looting began. The police did not interfere. The police could know the looting but were not standing in front of the shop.

## 167. KUMAR MANMATHANATH MITRA ROY BAHADUR on solemn affirmation—

I am a zemindar and live at 34, Shampukur Street.

On Thursday at about 7-30 or 8 P.M., from my house I heard a great row in the Cornwallis Street. My men told me looting was going on and indiscriminate assaults taking place. I went to the head of the lane. People asked me not to go further as some *dhangars* at police instigation were beating people. As I was coming back I saw that some

public women's houses had been broken open. Near my gate I saw up-countrymen with banyans and white puggies on come out of the *bustee* in front of my house and run westward down the Shampoker Street. They had small lathies in their hands. My watchmen at the gate told me "those two men are, one *jamadar* and one constable attached to the Shampoker Thana." They were not in uniforms. I motored down to Shampoker Thana at about 9-30 P.M., with 3 of my friends. There I found the Inspector of the Thana sitting. The Inspector was pointed out to me by a fat *jamadar*. I asked him if he knew anything of the loot. He said 'yes.' Then I asked him what steps he had taken to prevent the looting and beating. He said "what can I do? low class people are looting." I told him I would give him 30 or 40 of my men if he was short of men to quell the disturbance. He remained silent. I told him if he won't stir out I would quell the disturbance with my own men. I was quite ready to help provided, I may not be brought to book for it. The fat *jamadar* said "when the Babu himself has come it behoves us to bring out our reinforcement." When at the Thana a shopkeeper from Bagbazar came to lodge a complaint to the Inspector of looting of his shop. The Inspector took absolutely no notice of it, while I was there. Then I came away. I heard of the looting of a *poddar's* shop at Grey Street. I went there to find out the shop and then found the Inspector with a *hulla* coming on at the junction of Grey Street with Cornwallis Street. He asked me "where are the looters?" I told him that it was very bad on the part of the looters not to wait till your arrival. The three friends with me were:—Amulya Charan Dutt, Jogendra Nath Bose, Upendra Nath Dutt.

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## Sixth Day's Proceedings.

29th October 1907.

From 4-30 to 6 P.M.

### 168. ANUKUL CHANDRA GUPTA on solemn affirmation—

I live at 26-3, Scott's Lane, Resident Superintendent, Bangabasi College Boarding.

On Thursday, at about 7-15 P.M., I was proceeding to teach the boys of Babu Harendralal Roy in a tram. When near Sovabazar Street, the tram suddenly stopped. I was in a trailer car. 2 or 3 men, seemed to be constables without uniform and 2 constables in uniform began to assault the passengers in the tram. The men without uniform had small *lathies* and they got into the car and assaulted, while constables from road assaulted with big *lathies*. I was on the side near the railing. I was struck on left arm (shows a mark) and on the thigh, (shows a black mark). Many of the passengers fell on me and so I was protected. Those on me had their heads broken, and blood from their injuries soaked my clothes. The car then proceeded. I am a graduate of the Calcutta University. The assailants were up countrymen—so I thought them to be policemen and as they were with the police.

### 169. PROTAPCHAND SUPANI on solemn affirmation—

I live at 4, Shamabai's Lane, Jute-brcken—I hail from Azimganj. I am a Jain.

On Thursday at about 7-45 P.M., I with two others were coming in a Chitpore tram-car for Hatkhola. I had with me notes for Rs. 200 in Rs. 10 each and also Rs. 3 and odd annas in copper. There was a European with us in the 1st class. When the car passed the Beadon Square 3 or 4 brickbats fell on the car. We raised the shutters. The European was struck on the cheek beneath the right eye. Blood came out. We nursed him. Then we lowered down the shutters and sat down as the conductor asked us to do so. When near the Grey Street crossing constables in uniform and *badmashes* altogether about 300, came upon the car, some 10 or 12, entered the car. We then formed a cordon round the European to protect him from assault. The *badmashes* came into the car. Seeing the *golmal*, got down and ran towards Radhica Roy's house where I had business. Finding a large crowd I returned when a constable in uniform with a long stick assaulted me on the left upper arm (shows two marks). As I ran, two constables caught hold of me. I asked the constables why they were beating me—a marwari. While I was thus held, a boy came and took away my *pugrie* (head-dress) and a *chaddar*. I had 18 jute contracts with me. Constables snatched them away I said "why do you take the contracts, they will be of no use." The two constables asked me what I had with me, I said Rs. 3. They demanded it. Then they snatched away the notes from my waist and

one of the constables ran away. They did not take the three rupees. That constable threw away the contracts. I picked them up and ran after the running constable. The other constable began then to strike me with *lathie* on my head, both sides and near the ear, and shoulder, I then ran away fast for life as I was then trembling and somewhat stunned. As I was running I met a *jemadar*, who did not allow me to run further. I told him what had happened. He made me sit, saying he would fetch my headdress, notes and *chaddar*. Ten minutes after the *jemadar* returned with my *pugree* and gave it to me, saying he could not find the notes and the *chaddar*. He went with me to Ahiritollah crossing. I met a large number of Bengalees. One Bengali gave me water to drink, and one accompanied me up to Kalicharan, Girish Charan (K. G. Rai Chawdhury, Hatkhola). Then the gentlemen applied ice to me. I went to Lallbazar Police Office, to Mr. Collin's enquiry, but was not called. Did not get back the money.

**170. NILMONEY KUNDU on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 9, Chitpore, employed in Kamini Kumar Roy's Jute *Arat*.

On Thursday at about 8-30 P.M., I had with me Rs. 750,—3 notes for Rs. 10 and the rest in cash. I boarded a tram-car to go to the Sealdah Station for my native country. Near Grey Street I saw many constables and many *goondas*, all up countrymen, coming together with *lathies*. I and other passengers ran away getting down from the tram-car. I had the load of the money, so I could not run fast. Saying "Bengalee Sala," the constables struck me on the back (shows a distinct scar 3" long) and on several parts of the body, as I fell down (shows marks on left leg). My bag was taken away when I fell down—can't say who took it. The gang left taking my umbrella and shoes also. I ran away. I lost the whole of the money. I then went home to Jessore.

**171. KARTIC CHANDRA SEN on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 191, Upper Circular Road. I have a sweetmeat shop.

On Thursday, at about 10 P.M., after closing shop, I was on the road. The constables were standing 10 cubits off, when a crowd of low-class people broke the mat-door. I protested, they came to assault—I ran away. They took away all my papers, *thalis* and  $\frac{1}{2}$  maund of sweets in the shop. Constables were looking on—did not interfere.

**172. UMESH CHANDRA CHATTERJEE on solemn affirmation—**

I live at 52, Kali Prosad Dutt's Street. I am a priest.

On Thursday at 8 P.M., I was coming from Ahiritollah, when near Chitpore Road, one constable struck me on the head, another came and struck me on leg (shows marks on the head). Blood came out of the head. I was under the treatment of Kamal Kaviraj. The two constables were in uniform. The constables were also beating other people.

## 173. JOGENDRANATH BOSE on solemn affirmation.

I live at 32-2, Mechhuabazar Street. I am a zemindar.

On Thursday, at about 8 P.M., I was at 34, Shampooer Street, Kumar M. N. Miter's residence. On hearing a *golmal*, I came down with the Kumar on the road. We were asked not to stand on the road by the people. Two men then ran out from the *bustee* and hastened away. Then I accompanied the Kumar to Thana in a motor-car. Kumar asked the Inspector to stop the loot. A *jemadar* said when the Babus have come let us go. (The witness corroborates the Kumar Bahadur, No. 167.)

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